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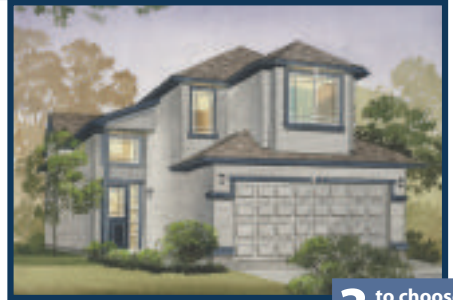


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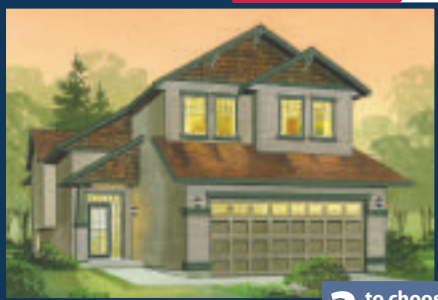


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**Brinkley,  
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reach  
divorce  
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**Man gets hit  
by truck,  
then steals it**

**THEFT** A man that was hit by a truck stole the vehicle moments later as the driver got out to check on him.

The driver was going south on 106 Street between 99 and 100 avenues early yesterday when he struck a man running out on the street, breaking the windshield.

The victim fell to the ground and as the driver got out to check on him, several other males on bikes arrived on scene telling the driver to leave the area.

While the driver and men were speaking, the suspect got up and jumped into the truck, speeding from the scene. The truck, a 1991 Dodge D200, was last seen driving north towards Jasper Avenue.

Police describe the suspect as a 20-year-old Caucasian male, five-foot-10, 150 pounds, with long, dirty, unkempt dark brown hair. He was last seen wearing dark jeans and a dark-coloured t-shirt.

Anyone with information can call police at 780-423-4567.

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**City police eye  
2nd chopper**

**\$1.6M** Another police helicopter could be patrolling from the skies of Edmonton by next summer and it could cost taxpayers \$1.6 million, says a city report.

The report says the current Air1 chopper has been in service since 2001 and it has clocked more hours in the air than any other helicopter in the world.

Edmonton police, the report says, feel the current workload is too much for one helicopter.

The report about the need for a second chopper will be read at a council's community services committee meeting next week.

VICTORIA HANDYSIDES/METRO EDMONTON

**Beijing** page 12



**Canadians nab  
water polo spot**

**Music** page 18

**Could iPhone  
kill the iPod?**



Crews clean up a train derailment yesterday morning, just east of Clover Bar road near an overpass crossing Yellowhead Trail. Highway 16 was closed for most of the day in both directions as crews worked to clean up the accident.

# Vandalism suspected in train derailment

Police believe pavement packer was deliberately moved onto tracks

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**Mounties are searching for the person responsible for an early morning train derailment that could have sent rail cars off the tracks and into heavy traffic on Yellowhead Trail yesterday.**

"This had the potential to cause a great deal of damage and obviously had the potential to take lives, not only that of CN employees on the train, but also motorists on the highway," said Strathcona County RCMP Const. Wally Henry.

The freight train was travelling eastbound along the north side of the Yellowhead near Cloverbar Road, and jumped the tracks just

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Strathcona County RCMP Const. Wally Henry

after midnight, sending 13 railcars and two engines toppling like dominoes.

Mounties believe a stolen pavement packer that was deliberately placed on a railway overpass caused the crash.

"The packer was moved from where it had been left by the construction company and left on the tracks," Henry said, adding that if a suspect is found, they could face mischief endangering life charges.

Two employees were on the train at the time of the derailment. They had only a few hun-

dred feet warning before they saw the equipment and started braking. Neither was hurt in the crash.

The train was pulling 85 cars, each of which carried a shipping container. No hazardous material was spilled as a result of the crash.

Lorne Wilson stood on his back porch last night, after hearing the loud crash. He told Metro that he couldn't believe his eyes when he saw the derailed train burst into flames.

"It was very loud, and then I heard the 'woosh' of the flames," Wilson said. "My big thing was

wondering if it was chemicals or not. It doesn't matter where you live, if a chemical spill is big enough, it's a major concern."

Fire crews quickly doused the blaze, ignited by leaking fuel.

Henry said the last train went through the tracks at 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, only a few hours before the derailment.

"We're asking anyone that can provide anything to us to give us a call immediately."

Traffic during the morning commute was at a standstill as police closed down the highway between Cloverbar Road and Highway 21. It remained closed until 7 p.m. yesterday.

Police are asking anyone who has seen anything suspicious before the crash are asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Members of council will have a chance to hear what the public thinks should be done with the City Centre Airport. To get your voice heard, attend the executive committee meeting July 16 at City Hall. **METRO EDMONTON**

# Local



## Slurpee turns 81

Happy birthday, Slurpee! Participating 7-Eleven stores are handing out free Slurpees in birthday cups to commemorate the frozen drink's 81st birthday. The convenience chain will be pumping out a rushing river of Slurpees in a multitude of flavours, including a new energy drink. **METRO EDMONTON**

## iPhone has landed

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**Technology junkies all over Canada can breathe a sigh of relief today because the iPhone is finally here.**

The revolutionary communicator and do-all multimedia tool hits store shelves today and will likely lift the veil of unanswered questions that Rogers Wireless has kept it hidden under since the announcement of its availability in Canada.

"They're keeping everything very secret," said a Wireless Unlimited employee, who asked to remain anonymous.

Controversy about the data plan pricing has been a hot-button issue. Outrage at the astronomical pricing Rogers Wireless intended to

hit customers with inspired nearly 100,000 people to sign petitions, expressing their disgust, and threatening to leave the company.

Rogers responded in kind, and recently released updated,

more affordable data and usage pricing on its website.

As such, the Wireless Unlimited worker says employees have been kept in the dark about the details, even the number of iPhones each store will have to sell.

"We don't know what the supply will be. I assume it will be much less than demand like it is in other countries," the employee said. "Rogers and Apple are controlling everything and all we can do is follow procedure with no control over anything."

There has been speculation surrounding the number of phones hitting Edmonton shelves. Rogers Wireless stores are rumoured to only be stocking 20 iPhones in the first wave, while a Rogers Video in Clareview says it's only getting six.

Store staff are encouraging hopeful iPhoneers to get in line well before stores open. Staff are expecting camped-out customers to wake up on the pavement outside a number of stores.

The eight-gigabyte phone is listed at \$199 for a three-year contract, while the 16-gigabyte phone is listed at \$299 for a three-year contract. Rogers will not be selling the phone on its own without a contract. Data plans range from \$60 to \$115.



## Research Study for Type 2 Diabetes Controlled Through Diet and Exercise Participants Needed

### What is the goal of the study?

The goal of the study is to test the safety of a new oral medication to treat diabetes.

### Who can enter the study?

Persons with type 2 diabetes who: are currently managing their diabetes through diet and exercise; are between the ages of 31-75 years; and have never received insulin therapy. Additional inclusion and exclusion criteria will be reviewed at time of screening.

### What are the study participants asked to do?

Participants will spend a total of seven nights in the University of Alberta Hospital and make six visits to the research unit. Participants will be asked to take a new oral medication. Participants will undergo several monitoring tests (vital signs, ECG, blood and urine sampling).

### Are participants compensated?

Participants will be compensated at a rate of \$20/hour for a maximum of 244 hours for their involvement in the study.

### Who can I contact for more information?

You may call 780-407-2965 or email kate.bailey@capitalhealth.ca to learn more about the study.



Residents of a Mill Woods home near 35a Avenue and 23 Street inspect the damage caused by a Molotov cocktail-style firebomb. A similar incident occurred at 33 Street and 28A Avenue.

## Mill Woods hit

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### no connection

At this time, investigators do not believe there is a connection between the two attacks on Wednesday, say police.

Street and 28A Avenue.

While the cocktails didn't ignite and there was no fire damage, there was gasoline damage to the inside of the home. Several more Molotov cocktails hit the outside of the house,

but did not light.

A white car was seeing speeding away from the home by witnesses, police said.

Residents also spotted several men who threw six Molotov cocktails at a home near 23 Street and 35A Avenue, which set the rear deck ablaze.

The residents of the house were known to police and were not co-operating with the investigation.

**A string of Molotov cocktails attacks have left two Mill Woods homes damaged and police looking for suspects in both arsons.**

The last attack happened around 10 p.m. Wednesday when two bottles broke through a window of a home in the area of 33

## Man on solar-powered mission

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Marcello Da Luz says he'll break a world record with his solar-powered car come hell or high water, and that when it's all over, he hopes to end up in the slammer.

Da Luz rolled up to City Hall yesterday afternoon in a spacecraft-like solar-powered car with nary a sound.

He started a journey of 16,000 kilometres in Buffalo, N.Y., and hopes to make it to Inuvik, N.W.T., well before the perpetual darkness of winter, so he'll be able to make it home.

Making it home at all might prove challenging for the former flight attendant. Ontario is the only place in



Marcello DaLuz drives his solar-powered car up to city hall yesterday.

the world that's banned his \$1-million dollar invention, which he drives laying down.

"Once I get back to Buffalo, I will try to enter Ontario, and hopefully they will arrest me," Da Luz said. "I do not like to see them challenge what I'm trying to do here."

In order to uphold the

ruling of the Ontario government, De Luz has had to travel across seven American states to get to Canada.

"I'm not a threat to the government, I'm not a threat to the public ... All I want to do is promote the use of clean, sustainable transportation."





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# Youth, pros team up at dance festival

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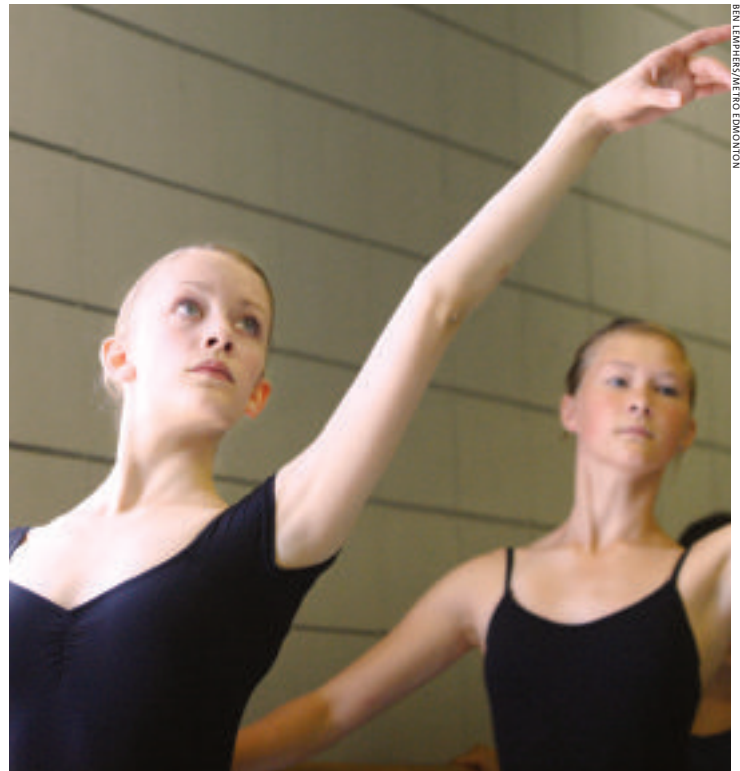
**Youthful energy will be on full display as young dancers get the chance to work with professionals and fellow amateur dancers alike as part of a summer workshop series.**

As part of the FEATS Festival of Dance, the Summer Performance Intensive workshop gives a chance for young dancers, aged 14 to 21, to work with professional choreographers in creating new bodies of work, which will culminate when the new creations are presented at the Fresh Feats main stage event on Sunday.

"It's really about bringing a really great summer dance experience to a huge variety of dancers," said Kealy Litun, project coordinator.

"It's interesting because it's a growing experience for the students and the professionals. They both benefit in different ways."

The dance festival, now in its eighth year, will run until Sunday at various venues around Edmonton.



Sydney Bitner, 16, practises during a ballet workshop held at the Edmonton School of Ballet, led by Galien Johnston, Thursday afternoon. The workshop is one of the many events that comprise the FEATS Festival of Dance.

## Get your shop on along Whyte

HEATHER ANDREWS MILLER  
for Metro Edmonton

Get ready to shop till you drop, as Whyte Avenue is the place to be Sunday when the Fourth Annual Old Strathcona Street Sale kicks off at noon.

Fifty-five clothing stores and 100 boutiques in the trendy neighbourhood will be participating in the street sale, and others will have numerous items available in their store locations, she adds.

"We're going to set up a stage on the Gateway

**"There's going to be something for everybody."**

Shirley Lowe

Boulevard corner where our first-ever fashion show will feature local designers," says Shirley Lowe, executive director of the Old Strathcona Business Association.

Roadways from 103 Street to 105 Street will be closed off to traffic as merchants will bring their goods out for everyone to see.

Historic Old Strathcona has been named as one of the 10 best shopping districts in Canada by various media surveys, with its total of 600-plus businesses, theatres, and services, says Lowe, who adds that it's also considered a primary entertainment strip in the heart of Edmonton.

"We'll have live family entertainment, starting at noon, with the Lindsey Walker and Drew Malcolm duo performing, as well as West of Winnipeg, a band of musicians who are all from Western Canada, who perform an eclectic

mix of genres," she says.

Children will be given pieces of chalk to draw on the roadway and they can enjoy other activities as well. A three-day art walk, which began on July 11, will feature 30 artists filling the sidewalks with unique sculptures and paintings, with many demonstrating their work for interested viewers.

Since 1995, the art walk has presented a visual feast for viewers and artist alike.

"There's going to be something for everybody," Lowe concluded.

## Pyramid decision to be made in two weeks

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The continuing saga of the pyramid glass monument towers at the edge of the city continued as the vote pushing their creation forward was postponed until July 26.

A motion was held after the counselors decided they needed more info on both the materials needed on the entrance signs and the long term operating costs of the upkeep of the signs.

"They had absolutely no information," said Coun. Tony Caterina, in regards

to the report on what the pyramid behemoths would be made of. "I'm going to assume the materials can exist in our climate and are not easily breakable."

Caterina said his vote hinged on the cost, saying that the original estimate of \$2.4 million would have gotten a no from him,

though with the new proposal showing a drop in cost of \$1 million, he would reconsider as long as the operational costs are reasonable.

"We [need] some good news on the operation costs...then I would say go ahead on the east end one."



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The Saskatchewan government is dropping a court challenge of the federal equalization program. Justice Minister Don Morgan says the province will withdraw a reference the previous NDP government had made. **METRO CANADA**

# Canada



## Taxi cab company charged

The city of Ottawa has levied its largest fines ever against a so-called "bandit cab" operation. Dynasty Service owes \$56,250 after receiving a \$9,000 fine for each of five separate charges of operating a taxi dispatching service without a license, plus victim surcharges.

## Boomers forgetting more with age: Study

**MEMORY** Six in 10 Canadian baby boomers have experienced a mild form of memory decline in the past year, according to a survey.

"We do know that the brain, like any other organ, deteriorates with age," Nathan Herrmann, head of geriatric psychiatry at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, said in an interview about the study of people aged 40 to 60.

"And we believe that memory function and other areas of cognitive functioning as well, decline with aging."

In the survey, 58 per cent of the respondents, who



Nathan Herrmann

have not been diagnosed with any form of dementia, reported symptoms of a disorder called Age Associated Memory Impairment (AAMI).

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## PM defends biofuels plan

### Denies impact on rising food prices, shortages

**Rising energy costs are a far greater factor than biofuels in driving up food prices, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said yesterday.**

Many experts blame bio-fuel production for causing grain shortages and food price increases that have put tens of millions of people in danger of falling below their regional poverty lines.

But Harper defended his government's \$1.5 billion plan to promote development of biofuels in Cana-



Prime Minister Stephen Harper, left, talks with his Japanese counterpart Yasuo Fukuda during their meeting at Fukuda's official residence in Tokyo yesterday.

da.

"There are several causes to the recent rise in food

prices and biofuels is probably a factor, but we're convinced that the far

greater factor is actually the rise in energy input costs for the production of food," he said.

His comments came a day after Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty said the Ontario government is reconsidering a plan to increase the required amount of ethanol in gasoline from 5 per cent to 10 per cent in 2010.

Harper, who was meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda, lauded the potential for increased trade with Japan.

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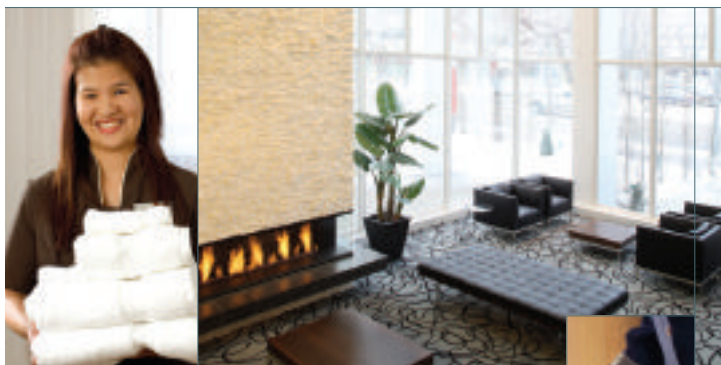
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## News in brief

**PHARMACEUTICAL** The University of Calgary has been awarded a \$1.7 million grant from the U.S. National Institutes of Health to develop and test vaccines for use against potential bio-terrorism agents.

**ORDER OF CANADA** A Windsor, Ont., man named to the Order of Canada says he won't share the honour with Dr. Henry Morgentaler and plans to return the award. Frank Chauvin is the fifth Order member to make such a statement.

**GUANTANAMO** A human rights lawyers has demanded an investigation a day after it was disclosed that foreign affairs officials knew Omar Khadr had been subject to forms of torture.

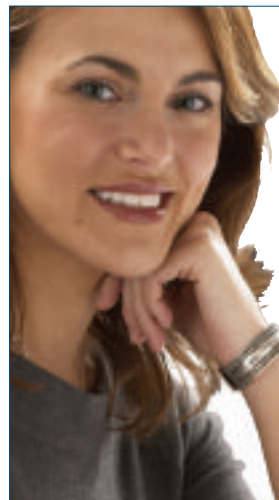
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## Worst to first, Ontario says

Ontario will go from worst to first in Canada in electronic recycling once new fees are imposed to dispose of old TVs computers and, in the future, other electronics, says Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty.



**"We've got to take some responsibility to deal with this."**

Dalton McGuinty

"We've got to take some responsibility to deal with this and we can create some jobs at the same time," McGuinty said.

Yesterday, Ontario put in place a recycling program, including per-item fees, for all televisions and computers sold in Ontario.

Producers and importers will have to start paying the fees, including \$10 for TVs and \$2 to \$13 for computers, beginning April 1, 2009. A program for nearly all other electronics, including telephones, cam-

**650**

The number of recycling drop-off depots that will open across the province for electronics.

eras and stereo equipment, will be put forward for approval a year from now. It has been left up to businesses to decide if they want to pass the fees. In the four other provinces that have electronic recycling programs, a fee is added to the consumer's bill. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## Two mysterious B.C. feet linked

JEFF HODSON  
Metro Canada



**Two of five disarticulated feet found on the shores of Southwest B.C. belonged to the same man and one of the found feet belonged to a woman, police in Vancouver said yesterday.**

The B.C. Coroners Service used DNA analysis to confirm that the foot found Feb. 8 on Valdes Island and the foot found June 16 on Westham Island — on opposite sides of Georgia Strait — were from the same unidentified man.

As well, the fourth foot, found May 22 on Kirkham Island in the Fraser River, belonged to a woman.

The DNA profile for that foot has not yet been completed.

"It's very difficult to determine how long the remains may have been in



Reporters examine a map at RCMP Headquarters in Vancouver yesterday that details where five feet have washed ashore in the past year.

the water," said coroner Jeff Dolan, at a press conference yesterday at which the RCMP, Delta Police and the B.C. Coroners Service unveiled part of their investigation.

In less than a year, five feet, still in sneakers, have washed up on B.C. shores. The mystery has sparked headlines worldwide and has even been the subject of jokes on late-night talk

shows.

Yesterday police displayed photos of the shoes publicly for the first time in hopes that family members of missing people may recognize them.

## What you need to know about

# Alberta's Mandatory Ignition Interlock Program

Effective July 1, 2008, Alberta's Mandatory Ignition Interlock Program will come into effect for Alberta drivers who have:

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After serving the prohibition period, drivers must apply to the Alberta Transportation Safety Board to have an ignition interlock device installed in their vehicle of choice at their own expense.

The ignition interlock is an alcohol-sensing device attached to a vehicle's ignition system. When alcohol is detected the driver will not be able to start or drive the vehicle. The device also calls for random breath samples. Reinstatement or unrestricted driving privileges at the end of six months depends on the participant's performance in the Program.

The Mandatory Ignition Interlock Program is part of the Alberta Government's commitment to increase safety on our roads and decrease drinking-and-driving incidences.

For more information on this Program, visit [www.infratrans.gov.ab.ca](http://www.infratrans.gov.ab.ca), scroll down and click on the Alberta Transportation Safety Board icon. To call toll-free, dial 310-0000, then 780-427-7178 or 403-297-3466.





**UN urges more aid for Myanmar**

The UN appealed yesterday for more than \$300 million in additional aid for Myanmar to cope with the effects of a cyclone that left 138,000 people dead or missing. **REUTERS**

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# World

## Iran continues to test fire missiles

U.S. threatens retaliation if allies attacked

**Iran tested more missiles in the Gulf yesterday, state media said, and the United States reminded Tehran that it was ready to defend its allies.**

The United States, which accuses Tehran of seeking nuclear arms, said after Iran test-fired nine missiles on Wednesday that there should be no more such tests if Iran wanted the

**"We ... will defend American interests."**  
Condoleezza Rice

world's trust.

U.S. leaders have not ruled out military options if diplomacy fails to assuage fears about Iran's nuclear program, which Tehran says is only to produce electricity.

"We are also sending a message to Iran that we will defend American interests and ... the interests of our allies," U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Rice said a planned U.S. missile defense shield, to be partly based in the Czech Republic and Poland, would dampen any threat of an attack from Iran.

**REUTERS**

### Women for Obama **Hillary's helping hand**



U.S. Senator and Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama is led off the stage by Senator Hillary Clinton after they appeared together at a "Women for Obama" event in New York City yesterday.

## Britain may add 11 nations to visa list

Britain announced yesterday that it is considering expanding visa requirements to citizens from 11 additional countries including South Africa.

Nationals from more than 100 countries need a visa to come to the United Kingdom.

But following a "Visa Waiver Test" of all non-European countries, the government said there is a "strong case" to add 11 more. The test looked at the level of risk nationals from countries posed in terms of illegal immigration and crime.

### new additions

The additional countries are: Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Lesotho, Malaysia, Mauritius, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Trinidad and Tobago, and Venezuela.

Britain said visitors from these countries will now need a six-month visa. That will become a permanent requirement unless the "risk" posed by nationals from these countries is significantly reduced by the end of the year. **REUTERS**

### News in brief

**COCAINE** Costa Rica's Coast Guard seized 2.5 tons of cocaine bobbing in the Pacific Ocean following intelligence information on smuggling gangs, a police spokesman said yesterday. **REUTERS**

**MIDEAST** Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan pledged yesterday to boost ties with Iraq and urged the region to do more to help the Baghdad government rebuild after years of war. **REUTERS**

**ODDITY** Guests at an Israeli wedding hall can now insert a credit card into a machine at its entrance, tap in a sum and leave a gift for the bride and groom. Couples pay 500 shekels (\$155 US) to rent the device. **REUTERS**

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Cuba has begun decentralizing decision-making in construction, in the second major reorganization of an industry since Raul Castro became president in February, official media reported yesterday. **REUTERS**

## Gas price protest **Harnessing horse power**



A protester in national costume stands by a horse mockingly pulling a bus as they take part in a protest in Russia's Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk yesterday. Car owners and drivers gathered to protest against the increase in gasoline prices.

## Move over road rage: Work rage is a growing problem

**AFFECTING MILLIONS** Anger in the workplace — employees and employers who are grumpy, insulting, short-tempered or worse — is shockingly common and likely growing as Americans cope with woes of rising costs, job uncertainty or overwhelming debt, experts say.

"It runs the gamut from just rudeness up to pretty extreme abusive behaviors," said Paul Spector, professor of organizational psychology at the University of South Florida. "The

### Violence and fear

One-sixth of workers reported anger at work has led to property damage, while a tenth reported violence and fear their workplace might not be safe, research showed.

severe cases of fatal violence get a lot of press but in some ways this is more insidious because it affects millions of people."

Nearly half of U.S. workers in America report yelling and verbal abuse

on the job, with roughly a quarter saying it has driven them to tears.

Contemporary pressures such as rising fuel costs fan the flames, said John Challenger, head of Chicago's Challenger, Gray & Christmas workplace consultants.

"People are coming to work after a long commute, sitting in traffic watching their discretionary income burn up," he said. "They're ready for a fight or just really upset."

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## United Nations urges population control

**WOMEN'S RIGHTS** As thousands of groups in 140 countries prepare to mark World Population Day today, the United Nations is calling for more action to promote women's rights and reduce the millions of deaths resulting from unwanted pregnancies.

"The importance of World Population Day this year is to advance women's empowerment and particularly to ensure universal access to repro-

ductive health," Purnima Mane, deputy executive director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), told Reuters in an interview.

World Population Day, set by the United Nations Development Programme in 1989, will be marked by events from university campuses in Afghanistan and the streets of Nepal to mosques in Yemen and a congressional debate in Washington. **REUTERS**

## Georgia recalls envoy in Russia

**CONFRONTATION** Georgia recalled its ambassador from Moscow yesterday after Russia said it had sent its fighter jets into its neighbour's airspace to prevent Georgian troops attacking a separatist region.

Russia acknowledged the fighter sorties a few hours after U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, on a visit to the Georgian capital, urged Moscow to help ease tensions in the strategic region. **REUTERS**

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# Beijing Games

## Romanian team drops Popescu

**ATHLETICS** Liliana Popescu, the fastest women's 1,500-metre runner this year, has been dropped from Romania's Olympic team under suspicion of doping, the local athletics federation (FRA) said yesterday.

"At the moment, Liliana Popescu does not belong to the athletics team for Beijing on suspicion of doping," FRA head Sorin Matei said.

## Sarkozy defends Beijing decision

**POLITICS** French President Nicolas Sarkozy insisted yesterday he had the backing of all European capitals for his decision to attend the opening of the Beijing Olympics as holder of the EU presidency.

"All the member states gave their agreement for me to participate in the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games," he said.

## Terror attacks foiled, China says

**CRIME** China said yesterday that it had foiled five "terrorism groups" plotting attacks targeting the Beijing Olympics, as the government cracks down on perceived threats to the Games. In the first six months of the year, police detained 82 people, the state-run Xinhua news agency said.

REUTERS

## Sports in brief

**BOXING** Thailand's Olympic champion boxer Manus Boonjumnong will turn professional after the Beijing Games, the country's boxing chief said on yesterday.

**SOCCER** World soccer's governing body FIFA yesterday reminded clubs that they must release any players aged under 23 who are called up by their countries for the Olympics.

REUTERS

## Monday's lineup

**GOING FOR GOLD** Canada is making its first appearance at the Games since women's soccer was included in 1996. "We want to win gold," says player Christine Sinclair. Pick up Monday's Metro for more.

**27** days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.



The men's water polo team, clockwise from bottom left: Aaron Feltham, Kevin Mitchell, Robin Randall, Nathaniel Miller and captain Thomas Marks.

PHOTO BY CANDICE WARD FOR METRO CANADA

# Underdogs no longer

First time in history men's water polo team has qualified for Games

KRISTA SYLVESTER  
Metro Canada



**Once the absent underdogs of the sport, the Canadian men's water polo team is looking to make a big splash at the Olympics in Beijing.**

The 2008 Beijing Olympics will mark the first time in history the Canadian men's team has qualified to represent the nation in the water sport, although Canada was a last-minute invitation to the 1984 Olympics after Moscow boycotted.

"We have already made history by qualifying for the Olympics, so there isn't a lot of added pressure on us," head coach Dragon Jovanovic tells Metro. "We will go and do our best and prove to the world we deserve to be there."

Jovanovic, a former water polo goaltender from the former Yugoslavia, was hired by Water Polo Canada to coach the team four years ago.

"They are a great bunch of guys, they are very committed and they really work well together. We're

## History of the water polo team

**1972:** Canada was invited to compete in Munich after one of the qualified countries declined.

**1976:** Canada earned an automatic berth for being the host country.

**1980:** Canada boycotted the Moscow Olympics.

**1984:** Moscow then boycotted the '84 Games in Los Angeles and Canada received the last-minute invitation.

**2004:** Canada failed to qualify for the Olympics in Athens and coach Dragon Jovanovic was hired.

**2008:** Canada beats host team Romania to advance to the Olympics. Off to Beijing in August to compete.

hitting our toughest training yet," he said.

There are currently 17 players fighting for 13 positions for the Olympics, and the final team won't be decided until right before the Games, according to the coach.

The players range in age from 18-29, and hail from across Canada, calling Calgary their training headquarters because of the "state of the art" Talisman Centre where they practise.

"Even if they miss their homes, they want to play water polo and this is their home now," Jovanovic said.

Calgary Mount Royal College student Kevin Mitchell, 26, told Metro he is excited to take part in

**"We will go and do our best and prove to the world we deserve to be there."**

Dragon Jovanovic

the Olympic experience, one he calls a "dream come true."

"It's amazing. I really can't wait to live the whole Olympic experience, it's something you imagine but can't believe it's happening," he said.

Mitchell recalled the "adrenaline rush" of beating home team Romania at the Olympic qualifier tournament this year.

"It was probably the best feeling of my life after put-



Team captain Thomas Marks shows off his Olympic spirit.

ting seven years into this and to make it now, especially as underdogs, is exhilarating," he says. "We did what others thought we couldn't."

The team just returned from a month-long trip to Europe, where they beat Italy and Greece, and coach Jovanovic said they

looked in fine form.

"The challenge now is we don't have any matches in July, so we just have to continue to train hard," he said. "These guys are working hard though, and we have a plan in place to be recognized as a serious contender in the upcoming years."





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### STREET SALE - NOON TO 5PM

Ames Motorsports; Athletica; Alhambra Books; Avenue Clothing Company; Bellydonna; Bugs 'n Berries; Cause H2O Beverages; Chicken Scratch; Creations & Co. Clothing; D's Donuts; Edmonton Chante Festival; FS Skate; Grateful Threads; Gravity Pope; Head Case Hats; Kika Clothing; Le Chateau; Le Papier; Little Royal Framing & Art; Method; Nokomis; Ocean Sports; Planet Ze; Polly Magoo's; Queue Clothing; Rowena; Sanctuary Curio Shoppe; Sense of Serenity; Shell Shock; Sophia's Clothing; Tail Blazers; The Tin Box; The Wish List; Third on Whyte; Top Gear; Wee Book Inn; Wicked Laser

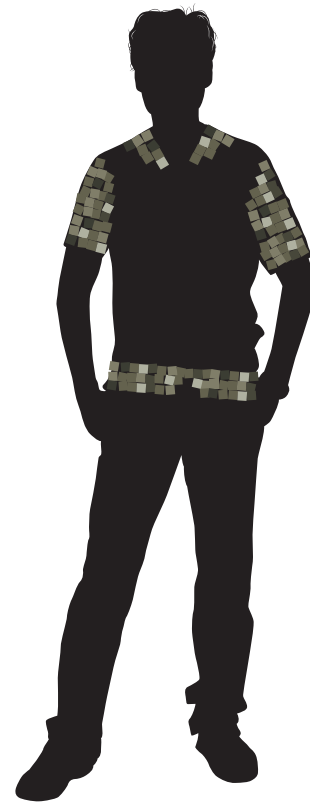
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## WHYTE AVENUE

will come alive Sunday afternoon as the Old Strathcona Business Association kicks off its Fourth Annual Old Strathcona Street Sale at noon.

Fifty-five clothing stores along the vibrant avenue as well as 100 boutiques will be taking part in the sale. Other businesses along the stretch will have a number of goods and wares available in their stores.



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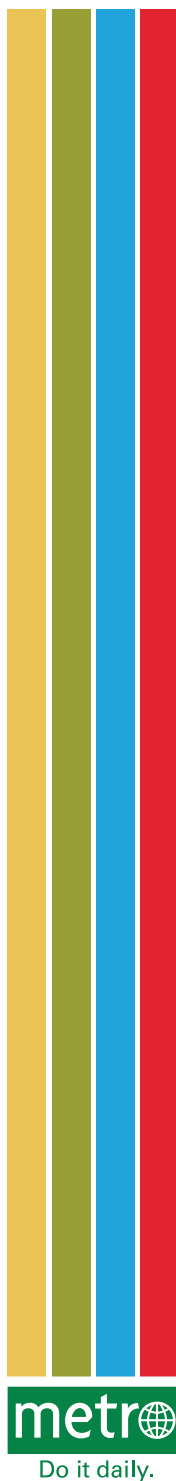
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Shirley Lowe, executive  
 director of the Old  
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 afternoon-long event  
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Toronto Blue Jays centre-fielder Vernon Wells will miss the next four-to-six weeks with a Grade 2 strain of his left hamstring, the club revealed yesterday. Wells suffered the injury while stealing a base on Wednesday night. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Sports



## Longoria, Hart all-stars

Tampa Bay Rays third baseman Evan Longoria, left, and Milwaukee Brewers outfielder Corey Hart were chosen by a record number of voters as the final two all-stars yesterday. Longoria received a record nine million of the 47.8 million votes cast, while Hart got eight million. **Metro News Services**

# Bonds close to MLB return

### Contending team likely to take a chance on troubled home run king

## YorkReport



Like it or not, **Barry Bonds** probably will return to the major leagues after next week's all-star break.

Bonds has been working out daily and is poised to join a contender. Clubs have resisted temptations to sign the home-run king this season, partly because of his age (he'll be 44 this month) and largely because of his off-field problems (steroid allegations), but MLB sources tell Metro the general mindset is changing.

"Bonds can make the difference to a team aiming to win a championship," an AL general manager said. "In the first half, no one wanted to touch him because of the circus that would come along with him. But, now, the pros on signing Bonds would likely outweigh the cons for a team in a pennant race."

Most likely team for Bonds: The Arizona Diamondbacks, who have lost outfielder **Eric Byrnes** for the season because of a hamstring injury.

• Before they obtained pitcher **C.C. Sabathia** from the Cleveland Indians the other day, the Brewers rejected a trade proposal from the Blue Jays that would have sent pitcher **A.J. Burnett** to Milwaukee for



**"The pros on signing (Barry) Bonds would likely outweigh the cons for a team in a pennant race."**

Unnamed AL general manager

shortstop **J.J. Hardy** ... (What's with all the initials?) ... The Philadelphia Phillies are hunting for a pitcher and covet Burnett and Ontarian **Erik Bedard** of the Seattle Mariners ... The Tampa Bay Rays, determined to prove their first-place status in the AL East is no fluke, hope to bolster their roster by acquiring both outfielder **Matt Holliday** and relief pitcher **Brian Fuentes** from the Colorado Rockies.

• And, speaking of major trade possibilities, there's a blockbuster brewing in the

NBA, too.

The Detroit Pistons, we hear, are making a big pitch to the Houston Rockets for perennial all-star **Tracy McGrady**.

• So both **Shaun Marcum** and **Dustin McGowan** are out now with injuries to their throwing arms, and you can't help but wonder about those mouth guards and necklaces they've been wearing on the mound all season.

Both of the Jays' young pitchers have insisted that these mouth guards and necklaces were being worn

for health reasons, not as fashion statements.

"They're more circulation devices for general health," said **Bart Given**, the Jays' assistant general manager. "I don't think you can say these devices were supposed to prevent them from getting arm injuries."

• And CFL sources tell Metro the B.C. Lions plan to pursue two quarterbacks in trade talks if they lose to the Blue Bombers and fall to 0-3 in Winnipeg tonight.

One of them is their old QB — **Dave Dickenson**.

For details, and lots more on the league, check out my latest CFL Report, exclusive-ly at [www.metronews.ca](http://www.metronews.ca).

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

## Oilers add Strudwick to blue-line

**NHL** The Edmonton Oilers signed unrestricted free agent defenceman Jason Strudwick to a one-year contract yesterday.

Strudwick, who turns 33 on July 17, joins the Oilers after spending the past three seasons with the New York Rangers.

"Jason is a veteran NHL defenceman who will **Strudwick** add depth and a physical presence on our blue-line," said Kevin Prendergast, the Oilers' vice president of hockey operations. "A proven leader, he is excited to be returning to his hometown to play and we are looking forward to having him as part of our defensive corps."

Originally selected by the New York Islanders in the third round of the 1994 Entry Draft, Strudwick has 11 goals and 27 assists in 488 career games with the Islanders, Vancouver, Chicago and the Rangers.

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### MLB

#### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
Cleveland 13 Tampa Bay 2  
Kansas City 4 Chicago White Sox 1  
L.A. Angels 11 Texas 10 (11 ings)  
Minnesota 7 Detroit 6 (11 ings)  
Oakland 3 Seattle 2 (11 ings)  
Toronto 6 Baltimore 5

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
Arizona 7 Washington 5 (11 ings)  
Cincinnati 12 Chicago Cubs 7  
Milwaukee 11 Colorado 1  
N.Y. Mets 7 San Francisco 3  
Philadelphia 4 St. Louis 1  
Florida at L.A. Dodgers  
**INTERLEAGUE**  
Pittsburgh 4 N.Y. Yankees 2

#### TODAY'S GAMES

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
Baltimore at Boston, 5:05  
Minnesota at Detroit, 5:05  
Tampa Bay at Cleveland, 5:05  
N.Y. Yankees at Toronto, 5:07  
Chicago White Sox at Texas, 6:05  
Seattle at Kansas City, 6:10  
L.A. Angels at Oakland, 8:05  
**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
San Francisco at Chicago Cubs, 12:20  
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 5:05  
Arizona at Philadelphia, 5:05  
Colorado at N.Y. Mets, 5:10  
Houston at Washington, 5:35  
Cincinnati at Milwaukee, 6:05  
Atlanta at San Diego, 8:05  
Florida at L.A. Dodgers, 8:40

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Toronto	1	1	0	2
Winnipeg	0	2	0	0

#### LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS

Calgary 23 Montreal 19

Toronto at EDMONTON

#### TONIGHT'S GAME

B.C. at Winnipeg, 6

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# Canada battles Brazil to draw

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**As they took a lap around BMO Field in Toronto, with many in the crowd of more than 13,000 standing and cheering a team they seldom get to see, the members of Canada's women's soccer team basked in the adoration, if not the glory of victory.**

Playing in Ontario for the first time in more than two years, Canada tied 1-1 with Brazil last night, a just result that really took a backseat the atmosphere the night presented.

"It was awesome," said Christine Sinclair, whose second-half goal seemed like it would be enough to give Canada a victory.

"It was just nice to finally play a home game and to see the little kids in the stands, cheering for you. They all know all our names, it was just a perfect atmosphere."

And almost a perfect result, too.

Sinclair's goal came in the 53rd minute, with Canada momentarily reduced to 10 players after Melissa Tancredi have to leave the pitch, bleeding profusely after being kicked in the nose.

Sinclair, a two-time nom-

TONY ROCK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Canada's Christine Sinclair beats Brazil's Erika to the ball during an international friendly last night in Toronto. Sinclair scored Canada's lone goal in a 1-1 draw.

inee as the FIFA women's player of the year, ran on to a ball knocked down in the area by Clare Rustad and slammed a one-timer past Brazilian keeper Andrea into the far corner.

It was Sinclair's 92nd goal for Canada as she earned her 120th cap with last night's appearance.

Brazil drew level in the 81st minute when Canada

failed in a couple of attempts to clear a cross in the box. After keeper Erin McLeod got her hands on one shot, the ball squirted loose behind her to Raquel, who back-heeled the ball into the back of the net.

The game provided Canada with a stern test heading into a difficult Olympics. Canada is in a deep preliminary-round

pool with China, Argentina and Sweden in Beijing as it competes in the Games for the first time ever.

"It was a good result for us, I think a fair result," said Sinclair. "I think, overall, it's a good result for us, considering they're probably one of the top three or four teams in the world right now."

**TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## Sports in brief

**NHL** The Vancouver Canucks signed free agent forward Pavol Demitra yesterday to a two-year contract worth a reported \$8 million US. Demitra, 33, compiled 15 goals and 39 assists in 68 games last season with the Minnesota Wild.

**CFL** Henry Burris threw for 302 yards on 28-of-37 passing with a touchdown and Sandro DeAngelis connected on 3-of-4 kicks, as the Calgary Stampeders edged the Montreal Alouettes 23-19 last night.

**NBA** Forward Corey Maggette officially signed with the Golden State Warriors yesterday. The deal is reportedly for five years and worth \$50 million US.

**NBA** The Golden State Warriors have signed restricted free agent forward Ronny Turiaf to an offer sheet. The L.A. Lakers have seven days to match the offer.

**CFL** For an in-depth look at last night's Eskimos victory over the Toronto Argonauts, go to [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca). **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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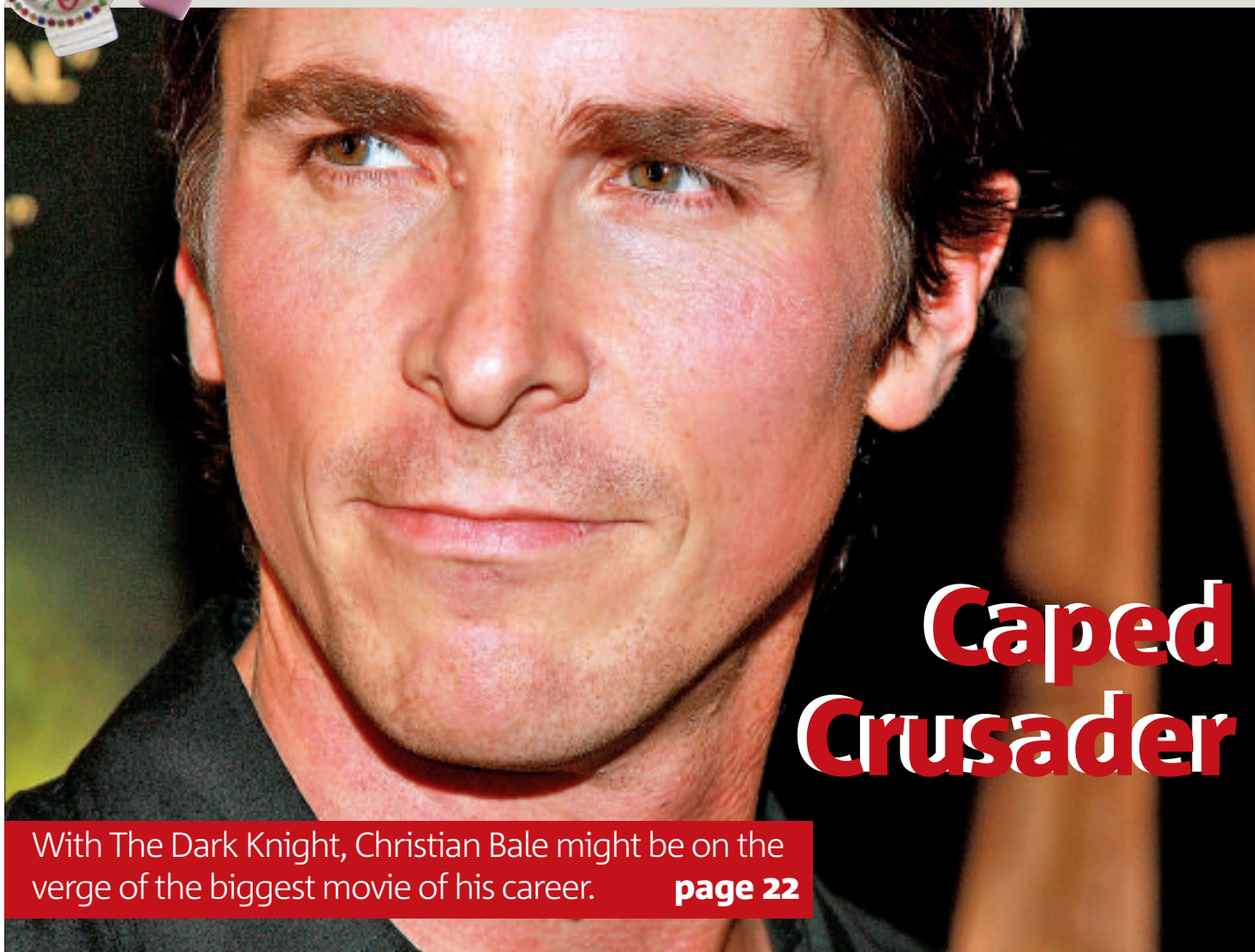
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Is the iPod era  
over?



## Caped Crusader

With *The Dark Knight*, Christian Bale might be on the  
verge of the biggest movie of his career. **page 22**



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Guillermo del Toro's **Hellboy II: The Golden Army**  
seems to lift off with an affected giddiness.

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## Music

# Could iPod era be over?

As you read this, a small but significant portion of the planet's population has already given up a chunk of their lives to be among the first to own a new 3G iPhone. I've been reading stories about people camped out in front of stores waiting for this moment. Good for them.

And I get it. The new iPhone is another step closer to having a computer in your pocket. If you spent big coin to buy an American iPhone and went through the hassle of jailbreaking it so it would work in Canada, you now own the equivalent of an iPod released in October 2001.

Which brings me to the iPod. Next to the DVD player and the original transistor radio, it's the most successful electronic entertainment device we've ever seen. Somewhere around 200 million have been sold. A survey

The new iPhone, right, brings us a step closer to having a computer in our pockets, but will it replace the iPod, left?

## SoundCheck

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released this week by researchers Youthography shows that almost two-thirds of Canadians age 14-34 own an iPod.

But according to that same Youthography survey, 20 per cent of all young people in Canada already own cellphones with built-in MP3 players — and that number is increasing every day. It's to the point where

some people have begun to ask how much longer we'll want to buy stand-alone MP3 players.

Even Apple knows that the future belongs to an all-in-one handheld device — a Tricorder-like machine that offers communication, entertainment and instant information on just about anything. Research In Motion knows this, too, which is why they've been working hard on some very cool models, including the rumoured touchscreen-ed BlackBerry Thunder and the semi-mythical Kickstart, RIM's first clamshell device. Meanwhile, HTC, Samsung, LG and

Nokia are all R&Ding their brains out to catch up to Apple. Steve Jobs is still ahead of the curve, but others are catching up.

I'm sure that Apple and other music player manufacturers will insist that not everyone needs anything more than a simple music

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player. And they're right. If all you want to do is slog it out on a treadmill at the gym, you don't need to strap a computer to your bicep.

But that's not the point. If manufacturers can get us to keep upgrading, and if the wireless companies can sell us long contracts with expensive data plans, don't you think they'd happily throw the basic MP3 player over the side? Could we be near the end of the iPod era? Just asking.

The Ongoing History of New Music can be heard on stations across Canada. Read the Music Geek blog at ongoinghistory.com

## CD Reviews

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### Matt Mays and El Torpedo

Album: **Terminal Romance**

Label: **Sonic/Warner**

Release date: **July 8**

Grade: **★★★★**

ON HIS

FOURTH

album, Matt

Mays contin-

ues to wear

his Tom Pet-

ty/Bob Dy-

lan/Crazy Horse influences

on his sleeve. And he wears

it well. This is Mays' most

complete (and slickest) al-

bum by far. Hopefully it

will elevate him to the top

of Canada's guitar-rock

heap. The anthemic title

track and the first single,

Tall Trees, prove the gritty

Halifax rocker's move to

New York City has served

him well. **GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM**

### Vancouver

Album: **Canadian Tuxedo**

Label: **Mint**

Release date: **July 8**

Grade: **★★★★**

IT'S A SHAME

that some

dude from

MTV.com

branded this

B.C.-based

outfit as hav-

ing one of the worst band

names. Nevermind missing

the Canadian all-girl refer-

ence: How about the fact

this second outing's fuzzed-

up garage-pop a la The Go-

Gos and early Bangles of-

fers up some blissful,

catchy tuneage in Obvious,

Vanity and the waltzing

Lonely Life? And be

damned if Megan Johnson's

raspy keyboards and Eden

Fineday, arguably the indie

vocalist equivalent to Belin-

da Carlisle, leave a lasting

imprint. **IAN NATHANSON**

### Albert Hammond Jr.

Album: **Como Te Llama**

Label: **Red Ink/Sony BMG**

Release date: **July 8**

Grade: **★★★★**

ONE OF 2007'S

best surpris-

es was

Strokes gui-

tarist Albert

Hammond

Jr.'s debut

solo record. It was charm-

ing, pleasant and an all

around great listen. Unfor-

tunately, it's hard to say

the same thing about his

followup. Como Te Llama

sounds a lot like what

many people expected his

first disc to sound — an

unfocused collection of

rock tunes. Individually,

the songs aren't bad —

Lisa is a catchy shoegazer;

Spooky Couch is a great in-

strumental — but collec-

tively this doesn't pass the

test. **BRYAN BORZKOWSKI**

### Beck

Album: **Modern Guilt**

Label: **Interscope/Universal**

Release date: **July 8**

Grade: **★★★★**

WHETHER

YOU LIKE

Beck Hanson

or not, you

have to give

credit to the

musician for

trying something new on

every album. On his 10th

record, Beck teams up with

Gnarls Barkley's Danger

Mouse to create dark, soul-

ful, electro-tinged sounds.

It's refreshing in that it's a

place Beck hasn't been be-

fore, but some songs, in-

cluding the title, track

sound a little too close to

Crazy for comfort. Still,

there are many memorable

tracks, and a Beck record is

always worth having, but

it's not as brilliant as some

of Hanson's other work.

**BRYAN BORZKOWSKI**

### Melvins

Album: **Nude With Boots**

Label: **Ipecac/Fontana/**

**Universal**

Release date: **July 8**

Grade: **★★★★**

HARD TO

FATHOM

sludge-rock

vets Buzz

"King Buz-

zo" Osborne

and Dale

Crover have outlasted

grunge, faux-grunge,

faux-punk-pop ... and

whatever other rock

trend passed their way

since forming back in the

mid-1980s. Nineteen al-

bums in, and with two

new members in tow

(bassist Jared Warren and

drummer Coady Willis),

appreciate the Melvins

more for their rock-jam

pross and less so for

any lyrical brilliance or

their mini-space-agey ex-

periments. **IAN NATHANSON**

### John Mayer

Album: **Where The Light Is**

(Live in Los Angeles)

Label: **Sonic/Warner**

Release date: **July 8**

Grade: **★★★★**

WITH HIS SEC-

OND live al-

bum in

three years,

John Mayer

is desperat-

ely trying to

prove he's not just another

pretty face. We knew he

was a brilliant songwriter

and his 2005 Trio Live al-

bum showed he could jam

out with the best. So why

do we need 22 more live

tracks. Mayer spends most

of this album mimicking

Stevie Ray Vaughan mim-

icking Jimi Hendrix. And

the "I dig love" rant in the

middle of Bold As Love is

simply embarrassing.

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**This Day In Music History**

In 2005, singer Luther Vandross died at John F. Kennedy Medical Center in Edison, N.J., two years after suffering a serious stroke. He was 54.

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# Beatles' hand-painted drum skin sells for \$1.1 million at auction

**The hand-painted drum skin that appeared on the sleeve of the Beatles' ground-breaking 1967 album Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band sold for \$1.1 million at an auction**

**yesterday, four times its estimate.**

Billed as the "world's most famous drum skin," it was the star of Christie's rock and pop memorabilia

sale in London, and eclipsed the other highlight, John Lennon's hand-written lyrics for hit song Give Peace a Chance.

The manuscript still fetched \$834,000 US, well

above pre-sale expectations of around \$500,000.

It was sold by comedy writer and presenter Gail Renard, who was 16 when Lennon and Yoko Ono staged their famous "Bed-

In" at a hotel in Montreal in 1969. Renard and a friend sneaked into the Queen Elizabeth Hotel where the recently married Lennon and Ono were holding a protest for

peace, and became friendly with the couple.

According to Christie's, Lennon gave Renard some mementos, including the lyrics.

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reviews  
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# A meeting to avoid?

A promising beginning gives way to gags that fall flat

STEVE GOW  
for Metro Canada



### Meet Dave

Director: Brian Robbins  
Stars: Eddie Murphy  
Classification: PG  
Rating: ●●●●●

**REVIEW** Like most people, I miss the Eddie Murphy of yesterday. The smart-alecky, foul-mouthed Beverly Hills Cop Murphy whose career has since (somehow) primarily become a vehicle for entertaining prepubescent with over-the-top shtick. Talk about fallin' for a banana in the tailpipe!

At the outset of Meet Dave, Murphy seemingly follows suit, playing both a human-shaped spaceship named Dave and the tiny alien Captain controlling his every move from inside.

On a quest to find a mysterious orb that crashed to Earth, Dave (and subsequently, the Captain) meet a kindly family and learn the obligatory true lesson of friendship.

It's actually a fairly multi-layered plot and definitely an improvement on the comedian's recent offerings (Norbit anyone?).

Murphy's talents are best showcased when he's playing the inanimate spaceship (who can sharpen pencils in his nose and excrete money when he needs it, by the way).

It's a tricky role and Murphy pulls off a glazed-over



Eddie Murphy stars as both a human-shaped spaceship and a tiny alien captain in Meet Dave.

**Murphy's talents are best showcased when he's playing the inanimate spaceship (who can sharpen pencils in his nose and excrete money when he needs it).**

look rivalled only by the look on younger audience members' faces when a punchline makes reference to the singer Meat Loaf.

Nonetheless, soon we meet the crew within

Dave, the annoying characters (a rugged officer who discovers Broadway and becomes a flaming homosexual) arise and the gags begin to fall flat.

Along with special effects that are simply slop-

py in the golden age of CGI, there is a promising start that ends up uneven. Mainly, however, I just couldn't help but wonder how much better Meet Dave might've been if geared towards a more mature audience.

This latest effort is definitely an improvement for Murphy, but it still seems like he's mailing it in. Sorry Eddie, but I won't fall for a banana in the tailpipe.



Josh Hutcherson, Brendan Fraser and Anita Briem star in this outlandish and enthusiastic action flick.

## A Journey back to the third dimension

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### Journey To The Center Of The Earth

Director: Eric Brevig  
Stars: Brendan Fraser  
Classification: PG  
Rating: ●●●●●

**REVIEW** I can thank SCTV for ruining my appreciation of 3-D movies forever, thanks to the classic sketch Dr. Tongue's House Of Stewardesses, which made sport of the cheapie 3-D flicks from the '50s that used to show up on late night TV, its 3-D effects reduced to little more than swords and sticks being jabbed at the camera by actors ordered to break the "fourth wall" and gesture directly into the lens.

John Candy and Eugene Levy leering at the camera was never far from my mind while watching Brendan Fraser in Journey To The Center Of The Earth,

which features, among other exercises of the medium, a thick glob of dinosaur drool launching from the screen and into your eye. An updating of the classic Jules Verne tale for the green screen age, it's been given the full-on 3-D treatment by director Eric Brevig with an unrestrained enthusiasm for the film's primary technical parlour trick.

After three Mummy films, Brendan Fraser is an old hand at this sort of outlandish action flick, a sort of contemporary Victor Mature who has the potential to be as self-mocking. He manfully delivers the bulk of the film's dubious science with a straight face, which is as it should be.

While you don't want to think too much about what Journey has to say about plate tectonics or zoology, its hurtling pace and unabashed enthusiasm for every unlikely new peril is the best thing about the film.

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## Now that's a Grosse Pointe

John Cusack, right, is suing Intermedia Film Equities USA saying the company hired him to star in a film for \$4.5 million. Cusack's lawyer claims he travelled to Germany and began production, but Intermedia then said it couldn't afford to pay him and tried and renegotiate a lower fee. [IMDB.COM](http://IMDB.COM)



# Hellboy II a true comic book caper

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## Hellboy II: The Golden Army

Director: Guillermo del Toro  
Stars: Ron Perlman, Selma Blair, Jeffrey Tambor  
Classification: PG-13  
Rating: ●●●●●

**REVIEW** It always feels like something is missing in films based on comic books, something essential whose absence is only barely disguised by action and spectacle and, when the screenwriter is so moved, some sudden stretch of dialogue meant to tease out a dramatic or comic thread with a conspicuous disregard for pacing. Just before the climactic battle in Guillermo del Toro's *Hellboy* sequel, we're reminded of a prophetic plot point from the first film that both sets up *Hellboy III* — or *IV* or *V* — and utterly deflates the conflict-to-come by underlining the likelihood the hero will survive to fight another day.

This dramatic aphasia overcomes nearly every comic book film, replacing tension with ritual as the protagonist is battered by a gauntlet of villains who, no matter their awesome power and unmitigated evil, are reduced to some CGI-assisted incarnation of the Indians who can't shoot straight in some western serial.

It's clear del Toro doesn't have his eye on the story as much as the regular intervals when he can introduce some scene packed with striking beasts or a digitally created behemoth, at which point the camera steps back to marvel at the handiwork.

It's no surprise that the significant departure from tone and plot — a scene involving Ron Perlman's title character, his best friend Abe Sapien, many six-packs of Tecate beer and a Barry Manilow song — seems to lift off from the overdesigned business of the film with an affected giddiness that the preview audience, at least, gratefully appreciated.



Ron Perlman as the title character leads the way in this enjoyable, if predictable, comic book sequel.

## Movie morsels

### Get Smart

Steve Carell takes over the role made famous by Don Adams in the original TV series — Maxwell Smart, the bumbling but cocksure secret agent who succeeds in spite of his best efforts. Anne Hathaway does a fine job with Agent 99, played by Barbara Feldon in the TV series, ably matching Feldon's innate sexiness; the only real flaw in Hathaway's portrayal is her inability to evoke the fetchingly neurotic quality Feldon brought to the role.

Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada

### Hancock

Comic book aficionados will instantly spot the patchwork of some of the genre's classically corruptible characters that make up Will Smith's flawed protagonist: Hancock drinks like Tony Stark, causes mayhem like Bruce Banner's better half (and I don't mean Betty Ross), and like X-Man, is a nearly indestructible, ill-tempered boor who can't remember his past.

And, like all three, he has his heart in the right place when it comes to saving the world — he just has to overcome his inner demons.

Brian Towie/Metro Canada

### Kit Kittredge: An American Girl

Abigail Breslin plays Kit, a young girl whose 1934 has gone from middle class to mid-Depression as her father loses his job and her mother is forced to take in boarders. It takes too long for the story to kick in, and as a result it never gets up a good head of steam, but that might not be a minus for the movie's intended audiences — the little girls between five and 12.

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Canada



Abigail Breslin  
as Kit Kittredge

### Love Guru

Mike Myers plays a self-help swami who's enlisted to help reconcile a hockey player with an ex-lover in order to end a curse. Although the comedy is filled with terrible penis puns and cracks about midgets, Myers still finds a way to charm us with his

quirky characters.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

### Wall-E

In the absence of his creators, who are cruising the universe, Wall-E, the big-eyed trash-compacting robot is left to dig mankind out of its own mess on Earth. He has developed a lovelorn little soul, until Eve arrives. Eve is a sleek creature looking for signs of plant life that would mean Earth is becoming habitable again. When she's taken to the mother-ship after finding the seedling Wall-E's been tending, he hitchhikes along for the ride. It's sweet, but not cloying.

Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada

### Wanted

James McAvoy (Atone-ment) plays a loser who is swept away to a secret fraternity and becomes a super-skilled assassin. Russian director Timur Bekmambetov (Nightwatch) makes an impressive Hollywood debut giving the film a quirky self-assuredness, impressive visuals and a great cast that includes Angelina Jolie and Morgan Freeman.

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Will Smith's new movie, Hancock, has been accused of homophobia by gay rights campaigners. Bosses at The Gay + Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) allege a scene in the superhero movie takes a "cheap, unfunny shot at gay people." [IMDB.COM](http://IMDB.COM)

Homosexual outrage at Hancock

## Reel Times

# Bale's Batman begins again

Actor talks about his inspiration for the role, working with Heath Ledger in Dark Knight

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**FEATURE** Christian Bale is that rare movie star about which we know almost nothing. With *The Dark Knight* opening in a week, he might be on the verge of the biggest movie of his career so far, but sitting across from the actor at a press event in Beverly Hills, it's impossible to imagine that it's going to change what he does or how he does it; averaging two films a year in what tend to be physically demanding roles, with three more films including a new *Terminator* movie in production, it's likely he'll just return to some set, away from the gossip mags.

Talking about his second shot at portraying Bruce Wayne and his alter ego, the Batman, in director Christopher Nolan's sty-

**"I was getting real pleasure from seeing the satisfaction he was getting from it, because I could recognize the same satisfaction that I get from acting. When you have anybody who was as good as him, it becomes that much easier to create great scenes."**

Christian Bale on working with Heath Ledger

gian reboot of the comic movie franchise, Bale is as thorough as any movie critic when he talks about his inspiration and process in creating the role.

"He has this great shadow side borne of the pain and death of his parents," Bale says of the caped crusader, "His creation of Batman has never been helpful for his own life. He has a great capability for violence, and he's given himself this one rule that he will not kill, because he sees how easily he could cross that line. The Joker is

the one who's made him question his ethics more than anybody up until now, and tempting him to break his own rule, because if he breaks his own rule he can possibly prevent the deaths of many people. And in that case is it selfish to hold on to his own principles — should he break his own principles for that?"

The subject turns to Heath Ledger, whose Joker will be his penultimate movie role, Bale is full of respect for the late actor's professionalism, frequently praising him for his

"commitment."

"That was our very first scene together," Bale says, referring to a brutal interrogation scene between their characters. "And it was a great way to start, because we were afforded the luxury of, for some part of the scene, being completely alone in that room with the cameras outside, with just mirrors surrounding us, and the two of us eyeballing each other, and everywhere you looked just seeing reflections of the two freaks sitting at a table together."

"Me sitting opposite him, I was getting real pleasure from seeing the satisfaction he was getting from it, because I could recognize the same satisfaction that I get from acting. When you have anybody who was as good as him, it becomes that much easier to create great scenes."

GETTY IMAGES



Christian Bale takes to the big screen next week in his second shot at portraying Bruce Wayne and his alter ego, Batman, in *The Dark Knight*.

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## Summer movies live on through consoles

**FEATURE** Summer blockbuster movies no longer end with the closing credits with rising numbers of licensed video games being spun off from Hollywood adventures, putting the gamer in the starring role.

John Taylor, video game analyst for Arcadia Research, said this summer features a dozen Hollywood-licensed games, up from nine last year. "As we saw last year with both Activision's *Spider-Man 3* and *Transformers* games, consumers bought these titles throughout the summer and into the busy holiday shopping season, which is one of the advantages of acquiring a Hollywood licence," said Taylor.

Disney/Pixar's newest computer-generated blockbuster, *WALL-E*, has been developed into a game by Heavy Iron Studios and published by THQ with players able to control the robot stars, *WALL-E* and *Eve*, in adventures beyond the two-hour film.

The film's production designer, Ralph Eggleston, said he's watched as the collaboration between game makers and Pixar filmmakers has evolved over the years.



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"I've seen games catching up with us," said Eggleston. "The one thing about rendering as it becomes better and faster is that the images in games get better and it allows game makers to really start to involve more complex characters in games and interplay with them."

Activision and developer Luxoflux Corp. have brought DreamWorks' *Kung Fu Panda* to all gaming platforms. Comic book fans get a double dose of *Hellboy* this summer from Oscar-winning director Guillermo del Toro.

In addition to his new movie, *Hellboy II: The Golden Army* from Univer-

sal Pictures, del Toro collaborated with *Hellboy* comic creator Mike Mignola and Konami Digital Entertainment on the new *Hellboy*: Science of Evil game for Xbox 360, PlayStation 3 and PSP.

Comic books make easy tie-ins for films and games, which has resulted in a pair of interactive Marvel adventures from Sega that are now available on all platforms.

*Iron Man* and *The Incredible Hulk* both feature central actors from the big screen action, including Robert Downey Jr., Terrence Howard, Edward Norton and Liv Tyler.

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## Screen Times

These pages cover movie start times from Fri., July 11 to Thurs., July 17. Times are subject to change.

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 Hancock (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1-4-7-9-50  
 Hellboy II: The Golden Army (STC) No Passes, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 12:50-3:55-6:50-9:55  
 The Incredible Hulk (PG) DTS Digital Fri-Mon 12:25-3:7:05-9:45 DTS Digital Tue 12:25-3:9:45 DTS Digital Wed 12:25-3: DTS Digital Thu 12:25-3:7:05-9:45  
 Journey to the Center of the Earth 3D (PG) Digital Presentation, No Passes Fri-Tue 12:45-3:25-6:45-9:10 No Passes, Digital Presentation Wed-Thu 12:45-3:25-6:45-9:10  
 Meet Dave (PG) DTS Digital Fri-Thu 1:15-3:35-7:15-9:35  
 Sex and the City (18A) DTS Digital Fri-Thu 12:15-3:10-6:30-9:30  
 WALL-E (G) DTS Digital Fri-Thu 12:40-3:20-7:10-9:40  
 Wanted (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 12:20-3:15-6:40-9

## CLAREVIEW 10 CINEMAS

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 Hellboy II: The Golden Army (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4-6:40-9:30  
 The Incredible Hulk (PG) Fri-Thu 6:50-9:25  
 Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Fri-Thu 3:40-6:35-9:15  
 Journey to the Center of the Earth 3D (PG) No Passes, Digital Presentation Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-7:9-20  
 Kit Kittredge: An American Girl (STC) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50  
 Kung Fu Panda (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-6:45-9  
 The Love Guru (14A) Fri-Sun 1:15 Mon 1 Tue-Thu 1:15  
 Meet Dave (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-4:50-7:20-9:50  
 WALL-E (G) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:20-7:10-9:35  
 Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:45-7:25-9:45

## GARNEAU THEATRE

8712 - 109 St., 780-433-2212

Mongol (14A) Fri 6:50-9:10 Sat-Sun 2-6:50-9:10 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:10

## METRO CINEMA

Zeidler Hall, Citadel Theatre Complex, 9828-101 Ave., 780-425-9212

Alien (STC) Sun 2  
 Aliens (STC) Sun 4:10  
 FAVA 16mm Film Class (STC) Thu 8  
 Shotgun Stories (STC) Fri 9 Sun 9 Mon 7 Tue 9 Wed 7  
 To the Limit (STC) Fri 7 Sun 7 Mon 9 Tue 7 Wed 9

## MOVIES 12

5074 130 Ave., 780-472-9779

Baby Mama (PG) Fri 4:35-7:20-10:05 Sat 4:35-7:20-10:05-12:15 Sun-Thu 4:35-7:20-10:05  
 The Bank Job (14A) Fri 9:40 Sat 9:40-11:55 Sun-Thu 9:40  
 College Road Trip (G) Fri 2:40-4:30-9:35 Sat 2:40-4:30-9:35-11:35 Sun-Thu 2:40-4:30-9:35  
 Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who! (G) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:30-7:05  
 Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:20-7:40-10:10  
 The Forbidden Kingdom (PG) Fri 2:05-4:50-7:25-10 Sat 2:05-4:50-7:25-10:10 Sun-Thu 2:05-4:50-7:25-10  
 Forgetting Sarah Marshall (18A) Fri 1:45-4:25-7:15-9:45 Sat 1:45-4:25-7:15-9:45-12:10 Sun-Thu 1:45-4:25-7:15-9:45  
 Fugitive Pieces (14A) Fri 1:25-4:15-6:50-9:15 Sat 1:25-4:15-6:50-9:15-12:05 Sun-Thu 1:25-4:15-6:50-9:15  
 Harold & Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay (18A) Fri 1:50-4:55-7:35-9:55 Sat 1:50-4:55-7:35-9:55-12:10 Sun-Thu 1:50-4:55-7:35-9:55  
 Made of Honor (PG) Fri 1:30-4:05-7:20-9:20 Sat 1:30-4:05-7:20-11:30 Sun-Thu 1:30-4:05-7:20  
 Nim's Island (G) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:45-7:15  
 Speed Racer (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:55-9:50  
 The Stone Angel (14A) Fri 9:25 Sat 9:25-11:50 Sun-Thu 9:25  
 What Happens in Vegas (PG) Fri 1:20-4:10-7:10-9:30 Sat 1:20-4:10-7:10-9:30-12 Sun-Thu 1:20-4:10-7:10-9:30  
 Young at Heart (PG) Fri-Thu 1:55

## NEW WEST MALL 8

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 Get Smart (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-6:45-9:15  
 Hancock (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-1:40-3:40-5:10-6:40-7:40-9:10-15  
 Hellboy II: The Golden Army (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-1:50-3:40-4:50-6:30-7:45-9:20-10:30  
 The Incredible Hulk (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:30-7:15-10:20  
 Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:7-9:45



Will Smith plays a disgruntled superhero and Jason Bateman plays a PR exec in Hancock.

Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-2:40-5:20-9:50  
 Kit Kittredge: An American Girl (STC) Fri-Thu 12:25-2:50-5:15  
 Kung Fu Panda (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:20-4:40-7:05-9:30  
 The Love Guru (14A) Fri-Thu 8:10-10:35  
 Meet Dave (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:50-3:10-5:30-7:50-10:10  
 Sex and the City (18A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:40-6:50-9:55  
 WALL-E (G) Fri-Mon 12:20-3:40-5:55-7:30-10 Tue 4:55-7:30-10 Wed-Thu 12:20-3:40-5:55-7:30-10 Star & Strollers Screening Tue 1  
 Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 2-5-8-10:40

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The Dark Knight (STC) No Passes Thu 12:01  
 Get Smart (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-6:45-9:15  
 Hancock (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-1:40-3:40-5:10-6:40-7:40-9:10-15  
 Hellboy II: The Golden Army (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-1:50-3:40-4:50-6:30-7:45-9:20-10:30  
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 Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:7-9:45  
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 The Love Guru (14A) Fri-Thu 8:10-10:35  
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 Sex and the City (18A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:40-6:50-9:55  
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 Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 2-5-8-10:40

## PRINCESS I &amp; II

10337 Whyte Ave., 780-433-0728

Global Metal (14A) Fri 9:10 Sat-Sun 3:45-9:10 Mon-Thu 9:10  
 Monty Python and the Holy Grail (STC) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 1-7 Mon-Thu 7  
 Monty Python's Life of Brian (STC) Fri 9 Sat-Sun

3-9 Mon-Thu 9  
 The Year My Parents Went on Vacation (STC) Fri 6:50 Sat-Sun 1:30-6:50 Mon-Thu 6:50

## SCOTIABANK THEATRE WEST MALL

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The Dark Knight (STC) No Passes Thu 12:01  
 The Dark Knight: The IMAX Experience (STC) No Passes Thu 12:01  
 Get Smart (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-7:45-10:20  
 Hancock (PG) Fri-Tue 12:15-4:45-6:45-7:20-9:45-10:15 Wed 12:15-4:45-6:45-7:20-9:45-10:15 Thu 12:15-4:45-6:45-7:20-9:45-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1  
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 The Incredible Hulk (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:20  
 Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10  
 Iron Man (PG) Fri-Tue 12:40-3:40-6:50-9:40 Wed 12:40-3:40-9:40 Thu 12:40-3:40-6:50-9:40  
 Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu

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 Kung Fu Panda: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Mon 11:45-2:40-7:30 Tue 11:45-2:40-7  
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 Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:50-7:50-10:40

## SOUTH EDMONTON COMMON

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The Dark Knight (STC) No Passes Thu 12  
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 WALL-E (G) Fri-Thu 12:1-2:30-3:30-5:10-6:45-7:45-9:15-10:15  
 Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 12:2-4:5-20:7:15-8:15-10:10-45

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Dinosaurs Alive! (STC) Fri-Thu 3  
 The Human Body (STC) Fri-Thu 11-12-1-2-4-6-7-8  
 Wired to Win: Surviving the Tour de France (STC) Fri-Thu 5-9

## WESTMOUNT CENTRE CINEMAS

111 Ave. &amp; Groat Rd., 403-455-8726

Get Smart (PG) DTS Digital Fri-Thu 12:40-3:10-6:40-9:10  
 Hancock (PG) DTS Digital Fri-Thu 12:50-3:20-7:15-9:40  
 WALL-E (G) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7-9-30  
 Wanted (18A) SR Dolby Digital Fri-Thu 1:10-3:30-6:50-9:20

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Former Friends actress Courtney Cox has reportedly signed up to appear in three episodes in the next season of NBC's Scrubs. **IMDb**



## TV

# Flashpoint delivers action

CTV's new drama takes you inside the world of an elite police force

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**Flashpoint is the first Canadian drama series since 1994 to air on network primetime in both Canada and the U.S.**

Inspired by Toronto's Emergency Task Force, CTV's newest drama series Flashpoint will take viewers on an emotional journey into the tough, risk-filled lives of a group of cops in the Strategic Response Unit.

This elite team of cops is trained to do what ordinary police officers cannot — rescue hostages, bust gangs, defuse bombs, climb the sides of buildings and talk down suicidal teens.

Flashpoint's executive producer Bill Mustos (Degassi: The Next Generation, Robson Arms), says what's so interesting about Toronto's ETF is that it's virtually the only team of its kind in the world.

"It has all the characteristics of a typical SWAT team and does all the things SWAT teams do, but this team in Toronto also has trained its men and women in psychological



Enrico Colantoni, right, stars as Sgt. Gregory Parker in CTV's new drama, Flashpoint.

profiling and negotiation," says Mustos. "And this is what distinguishes them from all the other SWAT teams in the world."

Starring Enrico Colantoni (Veronica Mars), Hugh Dillon (Durham County), Amy Jo Johnson (Felicity) and David Paetkau (Whistler), Flashpoint's

highly skilled tactical team gets inside the suspect's

heads at the very emotional breaking point, the "flashpoint" that triggers the crisis.

In the series opener Scorpio, Ed Lane's the best

sniper and the toughest cop on SRU Team One. So when an enraged gunman takes a

hostage in a public square at rush hour, it's Ed who ends up in position to take the lethal shot from a nearby rooftop. Meanwhile, Sgt. Gregory Parker struggles to pacify the volatile gunman.

The situation escalates when it looks like he's about to kill again.

**"The trust level among these people is so high — they really do operate as if they were in combat."**

Enrico Colantoni

Colantoni, who plays Parker, says he and the rest of the actors on the show had the benefit of watching Toronto's ETF train, which helped them learn exactly how to transform into their roles.

"The biggest difference is how stealth-like they are, how they move ... and they do that every day, day in and day out," says Colantoni.

"The trust level among these people is so high — they really do operate as if they were in combat. No one will move forward unless they are absolutely sure that whoever is covering their back is there."

Flashpoint's 13 hour-long episodes were picked up by CBS. When it premieres on CTV July 11, it will be the first Canadian drama series since CTV's Due South in 1994 to air on network primetime in both Canada and the United States.

## Isaak, Shatner to join Bio Channel lineup

**TALK SHOWS** Bio Channel is expanding its original programming slate with four new series, including a Chris Isaak-hosted talk show and William Shatner's previously announced interview series.

The network, formerly known as the Biography

Channel, said The Chris Isaak Hour will feature performances by mainstream musical artists. Isaak, famed for such tunes as Wicked Game, previously had his own comedy series, The Chris Isaak Show, at Showtime.

Shatner's Raw Nerve,

which premieres Aug. 19, will be an "offbeat celebrity interview series," Bio promised. Guests will include Shatner's former Star Trek crewmate Leonard Nimoy, Jon Voight, Jimmy Kimmel, Judge Judy, Jenna Jameson, Kelsey Grammer and Valerie Bertinelli.

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Chris Isaak

## Entertainment in brief

**GAME SHOWS** Fox has lined up actress Brooke Burns and TV personality Mark Thompson to host its Japanese-inspired game show Hole in the Wall. The show was often described as "human Tetris" after videos of the hit Japanese version became popular on YouTube.

REUTERS

**DRAMA** Joe E. Tata will reprise his role as owner of the Peach Pit on the new incarnation of Beverly Hills 90210. Tata, 71, said he jumped at the chance to bring back Nat, whose diner was the hangout of choice for the 90210 crowd. The drama debuts Sept. 2.

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**Casting** Val Kilmer, right, was handed the job of voicing the new Knight Rider car when producers learned Will Arnett had a truck commercial deal that would prevent him from playing K.I.T.T. on TV. Arnett won the role for the upcoming remake of David Hasselhoff's 1980s series, but was forced to step down because of his ties to GMC Trucks. Kilmer, a fan of the original series, was asked to step in.

IMDB.COM



# Producer comes out Swinging

## SWINGING AT SOFTBALLS:

Earlier this week, I wrote about Swingtown, the '70s-themed primetime drama, and said that it was an ABC show, after watching three consecutive episodes I'd downloaded, all with CBS' eye logo watermarked in the bottom right corner.

A reader was kind enough to write in and correct me, pointing out that the show appearing on staid, safe, elderly CBS is far more of a big deal than if it were on ABC, NBC or Fox, or any of the quality cable networks where chagrined supporters of the show think it might have thrived.

**"We love our characters. We don't judge them. There are no negative repercussions for the behaviour they're engaging in. They find that terrifying."**

Alan Poul

You can't help but get the impression that show producer and director Alan Poul agrees with this theory, based on a talk he gave at the Banff World Television Festival written on the *Blogcritics.com* website.

According to Poul, Swingtown creator Mike Kelley was in the unusual position of having a network try and sell him on the idea of putting the show on their network, and not the other way around when Swingtown

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was still being pitched. "We said we're not going to sell it if they're going to turn it into a network show," Poul recalled of the negotiations with CBS network chief Nina Tassler. "The underage daughter still has to smoke pot, the crazy neighbour lady still has to do coke, our leading lady still has to take the Quaalude and we have to want her to take the Quaalude, and they still have to have sex with their neighbours."

"If you guarantee we can do all those things on CBS, then yes, you can buy the show."

"She said 'you have my word.'"

Afterwards, of course, the usual network interference happened right on schedule. Since the big networks are riper targets for indecency fines from the Federal Communications Commission, they're cautious in ways that Showtime or HBO aren't, and so the network "happily" paid US\$10,000 to have the leg of a stewardess digitally removed from a scene in the pilot where it's wrapped around Grant Show's swinging Tom Decker.

Poul complained that the FCC's effect is like "a third world theocracy, the level of sexual puritanism."

"On Desperate House-

wives or CSI, there is a level of lascivious content," Poul said, "but the person involved usually gets punished or, preferably, killed. "We love our characters. We don't judge them. There are no negative repercussions for the behaviour they're engaging in. They find that terrifying."

And that's one of the biggest problems with Swingtown — the producers can't do what all of us do every day of our lives: make judgments and act

on them.

The '70s might have felt like a moral vacuum, but the world wasn't, and without affording viewers the context to make a moral judgment about somebody's behaviour — which Poul seems to regard as Swingtown's agenda — you're offering them the dramatic equivalent of braised celery while pretending it's Texas chili.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

## The dog days of summer

**TELEVISION** CBS has debuted the reality show *Greatest American Dog*, where a dozen canines compete for fun, doggie treats and a \$250,000 grand prize.

To be sure, the Westminster Kennel Club is nowhere in sight for this dog show, which turns out to be far more about the people than the dogs.

Created and executive produced by Emmy-winning documentary specialist R.J. Cutler (*American High*), this series turns out to be far less than the sum of its parts, with the hu-

man egos far surpassing the stupid pet tricks in terms of relevance and screen time. And that's wholly unfortunate.

A dozen dog-human teams square off to judge which dog can best follow instructions. It's not really entirely clear what the criterion is for success here other than a capacity to impart silent cues to one's animal.

And the not-so-silent ones might be nearly as equally important. The judges include dog magazine/book authors and TV series hosts.

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3	KHQ	-	370	News (N)	Raymond	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel-For-Tune	Outrageous	Outrageous	Dateline NBC		
4	CBXT	-	307	Coronation St.	Laughs	Air Force Live	Comedy Fest	MVP-Lives of Hockey Wives	CBC News: The National	Stampede		
6	KREM	-	372	News (N)	Woodward	Friends	Scrubs	Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)	NUMB3RS "Democracy"	Flashpoint		
7	CKEM	241	347	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Stargate SG-1 (DVS)		Biography "Elmore Leonard"	The Collector (DVS)	Your City		
8	CTV	240	339	ET Canada	Entertainment	Very Bad Men		Friday Night Lights	NUMB3RS "Democracy"	News Hour		
12	CBXFT	119	705	Les Vieux Lions *** (2003, Com. dramatique) (SC)				Passion Sports "Gala de boxe" (SC)				
13	KXLY	-	371	4 News at 6	4 News at 6	The Insider (N)		Dance Machine (N)	Duel (N)	TJ Alberta		
16	KAYU	-	373	70s Show	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	2 Fast 2 Furious ** (2003, Action)	Paul Walker, Eva Mendes	News (N)		
19	CHTV	-	370	70s Show	E News	Greatest Myst.		Dr. 90210 (N)		News (N)		
22	KSPS	-	374	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Wash. Week	McLaughlin		Foreign	NOW on PBS	Bill Moyers Journal (N)	Sinatra: Vegas	
15	CBGN	502	-	CBC News: The National	CBC News: The fifth estate	CBC News: The fifth estate		CBC News: The National	CBC News: The National	The National	News	
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14	YTV	552	543	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Storm Hawks	Storm Hawks	Batman *** (1989, Action)	Jack Nicholson, Michael Keaton			
17	TREE	553	546	Little Bear	Miss Spider	Comfy Couch	Rolie Polie Olie	Beren. Bears	Babar	Backyardigans "Dora-Explorer"	Go, Diego, Go!	
45	FAM	557	541	Zoe 101	Latest Buzz	Wizards-Place	High School Musical 2 (2007) Zac Efron			(10:15) Johnny Kapahala: Back on Board		
25	A&E	615	520	CSI: Miami "Rio" (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami	
29	FOOD	603	561	Tasty Travels	Food Safari	Diner, Drive-In	Road Tasted	Dinner Imposs.	Glutton-Punish.	Iron Chef America	Tasty Travels	
32	DISC	520	505	Man vs. Wild "Ecuador"	Man vs. Wild "Ecuador"	Doomed Sisters of the Titanic		Daily Planet	Man vs. Wild "Ecuador"	Handyman	Handyman	
38	SPIKE	628	584	When Good Pets Go Bad	World's Most Amazing Videos	World's Most Amazing Videos		Disorderly Conduct: Video	Factory (HDTV)   IMXC	GameTrailers	GameTrailers	
43	SPACE	627	528	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Sea Ghost (2004, Horror)	Billy Warlock (DVS)			Crow Salv	Crow Salv	
50	STAR	621	56	America's Next Top Model	The Tonight Show-Jay Leno	eTalk	TMZ			Double Platinum ** (1999, Drama)		

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3	KHQ	-	370	News (N)	Raymond	CSI: Miami "Collision"		CSI: Miami "Collision"	Name Is Earl	Law & Order		Law Order: CI
4	CBXT	-	307	Dumb and Dumber	2008 Calgary Stampede From Calgary. (Live)	2008 Calgary Stampede From Calgary. (Live)		2008 Calgary Stampede From Calgary. (Live)	Godzilla ** (1954, Science Fiction)			
6	KREM	-	372	News (N)	Scrubs	Cold Case		The Unit "Outsiders"	48 Hours Mystery			
7	CKEM	241	347	Blood Ties (DVS)	Murdoch Mysteries	Murdoch Mysteries		Proof of Lies (2006, Suspense)	Amanda Detmer	The City Show		
8	CTV	240	339	Andromeda	Murdoch Mysteries	Murdoch Mysteries		Andromeda	renewedepress	renewedepress	News (N)	
12	CBXFT	119	705	(6:30) L'Incomparable Mademoiselle C.	Yeux mere	Yeux mere		Dre Grey, leçons d'anatomie	Le Téléjournal	Pour l'amour du country (SC)		
13	KXLY	-	371	4 News at 6	The Insider (N)	Entertainment Tonight		The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement ** (2004)		Eli Stone		
16	KAYU	-	373	70s Show	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Cops (N)	Cops	America's Most Wanted	News (N)	
19	CHTV	-	370	E News	Be Real	Best Friends (2005, Suspense)	Megan Gallagher	Out There	Out There	News (N)		
22	KSPS	-	374	The Lawrence Welk Show	May-December	Jack Benny		Anne of Green Gables	Anne of Green Gables	Every Brothers		
15	CBGN	502	-	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	On A Tightrope		Sat. Report	Summer Scene	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	On A Tightrope
54	CTV	501	391	CTV Newsnet-Scott Laurie	News	CTV Newsnet		News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News
20	TSN	400	400	(5:30) NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup	LifeLock.com 400. (HDTV) (Live)	Motorcycle Racing		The Ultimate Fighter	On the Edge	On the Edge	Canada Poker	Sportsnet Con.
23	net	408	418	MLB Baseball: Rays at Indians	SuperCars	AMA Racing: Motocross		On the Edge	On the Edge	Low Life	SuperCars	Unique Whip
47	SPEED	417	406	Score Update	Cabby Unlimit	Canadian Poker Champ		BodogFight	Mystery Hnt.	Mystery Hnt.	Hardcore Champ. Fight	Score Update
94	SCORE	410	403	Score Update	Cabby Unlimit	Canadian Poker Champ		Mystery Hnt.	Mystery Hnt.	Adrenaline Pro	Adrenaline Pro	Mystery Hnt.
14	YTV	552	543	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Ghost	Ghost	Toy Castle	Dragon (DVS)	Backyardigans	Dora-Explorer	Go, Diego, Go!
17	TREE	553	546	Little Bear	Mighty Mach	Comfy Couch	Beren. Bears	Life Derek	Han. Montana	Holy Man ** (1998, Comedy-Drama)		
45	FAM	557	541	Natural-Sadie	Flight 29 Down	Intervention "Sandra"		Intervention "Charles"	Intervention "Jill"	Intervention		
25	A&E	615	520	Intervention "Lawrence"	Intervention "Lawrence"	Top Chef "Black Party"		Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares	Iron Chef America	Top Chef	Top Chef	
29	FOOD	603	561	Dinner: Impossible	Crisis Angel	Crisis Angel		A Haunting	Dirty Jobs "Alpaca Shearer"	Crisis Angel	Crisis Angel	
32	DISC	520	505	Deadliest Catch	Blade II ** (2002, Horror)	Wesley Snipes, Kris Kristofferson.		TNA IMPACT!		Thomas Crown	Thomas Crown	
38	SPIKE	628	584	Blade II ** (2002, Horror)	Wesley Snipes, Kris Kristofferson.	Britain's Next Top Model		Dawn of the Dead *** (2004, Horror)	Sarah Polley.			
43	SPACE	627	528	Girls Gone Good				Katie & Peter: Next Chapter	TMZ			
50	STAR	621	56									

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3	KHQ	-	370	News (N)	Paid Program	American Dream		Mad Men "Babylon"	Outrageous	Miss Universe 2008		
4	CBXT	-	307	Heartland		How Do You Solve-Maria		2008 Calgary Stampede From Calgary.	Big Brother 10 (N)	Cold Case (HDTV)		
6	KREM	-	372	News (N)		60 Minutes		Funniest Home Videos	Miss Universe 2008			
7	CKEM	241	347	Friends	Hates Chris	Family Guy (N)	The Simpsons	Big Brother 10 (N)	Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)	
8	CTV	240	339	renewedepress	Til Death	Zone doc (SC)		Les Tudor (HDTV) (N) (SC)	Le Téléjournal	La Chambre du fils (2001) (SC)		
12	CBXFT	119	705	Décoverte (N)	Et Dieu créa	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home Edition	Hughes Family			
13	KXLY	-	371	4 News at 6	Ebert	Til Death	Til Death	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)
16	KAYU	-	373	American Idol Rewind	The Soup (N)	Weekend		Extreme Makeover: Home Edition	Hughes Family			
19	CHTV	-	370	Vanity Insanity	Vanity Insanity	Nature (HDTV) (DVS)		Masterpiece (N) (DVS)		Secrets of N.Y.	P.O.V.	
22	KSPS	-	374	Heartbeat "Missing"		Born Into Brothels *** (2004, Documentary)		News	CTV Newsnet	CBC News: Sunday Night	Born-Brothels	
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54	CTV	501	391	CTV Newsnet-Scott Laurie		SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)		Planet Speed	NASCAR Racing	Poker Night		
20	TSN	400	400	Boxing Friday Night Fights		AMA Racing: Motocross		Sportsnet Connected (Live)	Sportsnet Connected (Live)	UIT. Fighter		
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25	A&E	615	520	Gene Simmons Family Jewels	Two Coreys	Two Coreys	Two Coreys	Intervention	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	
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32	DISC	520	505	Mayday "Mixed Signals"	MythBusters	Mayday		MegaWorld: Hawaii	Mayday	Mayday	Mayday	
38	SPIKE	628	584	Disorderly Conduct: Video	Factory (N)	Factory (HDTV)		MANswers	MANswers	Factory (HDTV)	Factory (HDTV)	
43	SPACE	627	528	Path of Destruction (2005, Science Fiction)	Chris Pratt	Quarantine (2008, Suspense)	Harry Hamlin, Joelle Carter.					
50	STAR	621	56	Celebrity Rehab With Dr. Drew	Girl Next Door	Old Skool		Scott Baio 46	Look-A-Like	Celebrity Rehab With Dr. Drew	Katie & Peter	

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The first Canadian Bath & Body Works stores will open this fall. West Edmonton Mall will carry the popular American beauty and personal care line, which includes items like Shea Cashmere Body Lotion, left, \$16.50. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Style

## Dazzle with wrist candy

## Style File

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## ask kim

**How do I prevent air bubbles in my nail polish once it's applied to my nails?**

Excessively shaking the bottle can create air in the bottle. Instead gently roll the bottle in between your hands to mix the polish. Here are a couple of extra tips from *beautybuzz.com*: don't polish your nails in a draft, the blowing air can cause bubbles. Also, the more you polish over your nails, the more air you put into it. And remember to throw away old polish.

E-mail your style questions to  
kim.elbo@metronews.ca.

Vancouver's Kim Elbo has a passion for fashion. Here she shares the latest style tips.



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## Puzzle

Designer: Swatch  
Shop: Swatch  
Address: Various locations  
swatch.com



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## Candy Colours

My Favourite  
Designer: Betsey Johnson  
Shop: Betsy Johnson  
Address: betseyjohnson.com



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## Sweet

Designer: Tiffany & Co.  
Shop: Tiffany & Co.  
Address: Various Locations  
tiffany.com



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## Handbag

Designer: (Unknown Vintage)  
Shop: Lines  
(604) 871 0998



\$30

## Wristlet

Designer: American Eagle  
Shop: American Eagle  
Address: Various locations  
ae.com



\$35

## Clutch

My Favourite  
Designer: Alice & Olivia  
Shop: Payless  
Address: Various Locations  
payless.com

## bags

Don't spoil your summer outfit with an overbearing bag. Instead, go for something a little inconspicuous like a small black bag. It'll hold all your main essentials so you won't have to dig deep for your cellphone or coin purse. I had a friend who bought a really cute clutch but it had the smallest storage space. So remember to try before you buy, test the mini bag at the store to make sure all your personals fit.

## accessory

**Beauty Talk** — Push the button and the palette literally talks you through five easy steps to the perfect smoky eye. It's complete with artistry tips and advice on what brushes to use. \$46

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## watches

Watches are often overlooked because we carry time with us on our cellphones, iPods and cameras. So what is the use of a wrist watch when we obviously don't need it? Fashion, of course, it's another accessory that can't be overlooked, especially not the ones featured here. This season big, bright and candy-coloured watches are a hit. The bigger the face the better. Also, look for a thick band to match, not like those "back in the day" Baby G-Shock watches, but more like a jewelled cuff bracelet.

## Ethical designer enjoys return

**CLOTHING** British designer Katharine Hamnett is relishing a comeback now that the fashion world has finally caught up with her campaigning notions about clothes.

Hamnett stormed off the fashion stage four years ago after her pleas to use organic cotton fell on deaf ears.

But the designer whose oversized T-shirts with slogans like "Choose Life" and "Use a Condom" were all the rage in the 1980s is enjoying a return now that "ethical fashion" is in vogue.

"Years ago when I was talking about this I was a voice in the wilderness and now I have people come up to me and say 'Oh, you were right all along,'" Hamnett said in an interview at Rome fashion week, where she was promoting ethical fashion.

REUTERS

## In brief

**ABIDJAN** Cocoa runs in the family of Ivorian fashion designer Felicie Mai. It was her father, a tailor-turned-cocoa planter, who gave her her first sewing machine, a model dating back to 1952. And for the last five years, this sewing-school graduate has been turning out eye-catching outfits made from the jute sacks used to ship Ivory Coast's top export — cocoa.

REUTERS

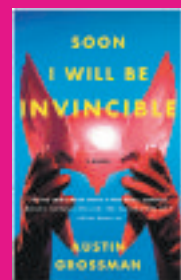
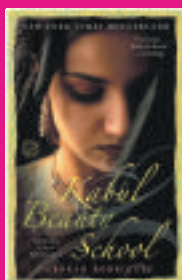
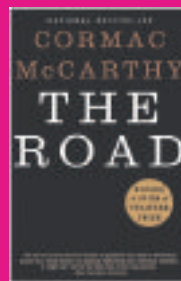
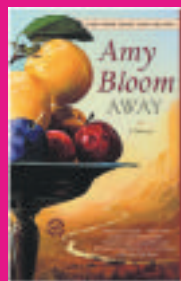
## tip

Going to the beach soon? Keep your watch at home; salt water can cause corrosion to the watch. Also, extreme heat can shorten the battery life of a quartz watch.

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**Mariah Carey** has hit out at the media over reports she is planning a \$4 million wedding ceremony to celebrate her marriage to Nick Cannon. Carey has since denied they will be hosting a bigger ceremony and has now criticised the press for spreading the stories. **IMDB.COM**

## Celebrity Buzz

# Brinkley, ex strike a deal

**COURTS** Christie Brinkley and her estranged husband Peter Cook have reached a settlement in their divorce trial, **imdb.com** reports.

After eight days of high drama in a New York court, the former couple finally agreed on the terms of child custody and division of assets yesterday, following all-night talks at a Manhattan hotel.

The settlement gives Brinkley sole custody of the pair's two children — Jack, 13, and Sailor, 10 — but allows Cook “ample parenting time.”

The former supermodel has also been

awarded all real estate holdings, while Cook walks away with a \$2.1 million pay off.

Brinkley and Cook's lawyers and their children's law guardian began talks on Wednesday evening in the hope of bringing their high-profile divorce to a close.

Over the course of the trial, testimony included revelations of Cook's affair with teenager Diana Bianchi and his alleged \$3,000 monthly porn habit.

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# Madge A-Rod's soulmate?

**ROMANCE** Alex Rodriguez allegedly confessed his love for Madonna at the beginning of this year, **femalefirst.co.uk** reports.

The New York Yankees baseball star — whose close relationship with the singer is a factor in his recent split from wife Cynthia, her lawyers claim — told a pal he was besotted with Madonna as they had dinner at a restaurant in January, during which Alex spent most of the evening texting her.

His friend told *Us Weekly* magazine: “He kept smiling, acting as if he was a little kid. He told me it was Madonna he was texting. I was shocked. He pro-

ceeded to say he was in love with her. I thought he was kidding but he wasn't.”

Just a few weeks after the dinner, Alex — who has two children with estranged wife Cynthia — confirmed how much he had fallen for Madonna, telling the same friend: “She's my f\*\*\*ing soulmate.”

Madonna — whose own marriage to director Guy Ritchie is allegedly on the brink of collapse — has previously denied any involvement with the sportsman, insisting they are just friends.

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# Biel not hungry for wedding vows

**FAMILY** Jessica Biel says her life will be fine even if she doesn't walk down the aisle one day, **usmagazine.com** reports. “The actual idea of signing those papers and doing all this stuff ... I've never been someone who's like, ‘I have to, have to, have to have it,’” the actress, 26, says in Harper's Bazaar. “Though she doesn't mention beau Justin Timberlake's name, she adds, ‘the idea of being with somebody I care about, who's my soulmate, that sounds groovy.’”

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## celebrity brief

### Aniston denies love letter find

**RELATIONSHIP** John Mayer's girlfriend Jennifer Aniston has blasted rumours that she discovered “a batch” of love letters from the rocker's ex Jessica Simpson, dismissing the claims as false, **imdb.com** reports. The former *Friends* actress, who became romantically linked to

Mayer earlier this year, was said to have found the notes in the singer's guitar case, reports the New York Post's gossip column Page Six.

A source tells the publication, “Jennifer was more hurt than angry at the discovery. The letters surprisingly were very touching and well written.” But Aniston's representative insists the story is “completely fabricated.”

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### Pamela confirms reunion with ex

**DIVORCED** Pamela Anderson has confirmed she and ex-husband Tommy Lee are back together, insisting they make a “great package,” **imdb.com** reports. Anderson was married to the Motley Crue rocker for three years until they split in 1998. But they have spent more and more time together recently, and Lee recently claimed his ex and their two sons had moved back in with him — and were trying to be a happy family.

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# Moore blasts popular Botox use

**SURGERY** Actress Julianne Moore is baffled as to why women undergo Botox injections, because they make little difference to their appearance, **imdb.com** reports.

The *Forgotten* star, 47, is not a fan of the face-freezing cosmetic treatment.

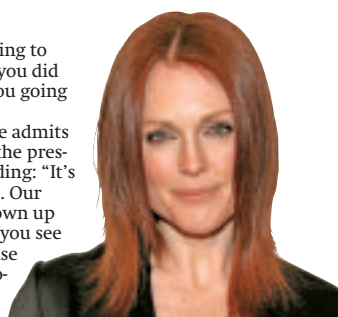
She says, “I don't know why women do Botox. It doesn't make them look younger, it just makes them look like they had

work done.

“You are not going to look the same as you did at 25. What are you going to do about it?”

However, Moore admits she understands the pressures of fame, adding: “It's hard for actresses. Our faces get to be blown up 50 feet wide, and you see stuff that otherwise you wouldn't. People freak out.”

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# Tom sends Kidman flowers for baby

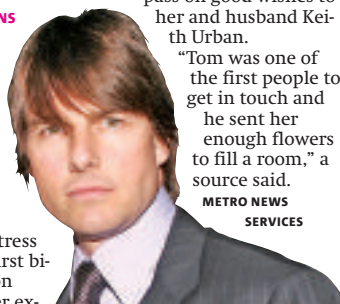
**CONGRATULATIONS**

Tom Cruise sent Nicole Kidman “a room full of flowers” to congratulate her on the birth of her baby, **femalefirst.co.uk** reports. The actress delivered her first biological child on Monday and her ex-

husband was one of the first to get in touch to pass on good wishes to her and husband Keith Urban.

“Tom was one of the first people to get in touch and he sent her enough flowers to fill a room,” a source said.

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## celebrity brief

### Fiance denying break with Fox

**RUMOUR** Brian Austin Green says everything's going great with fiancée Megan Fox, **usmagazine.com** reports. (London's *Daily Star* reported that Fox, 22, called off her engagement to the former 90210 star after realizing “she's too young to marry him.”) “We're solid,” Green, 34, says in the new issue of TV Guide. “We've lived together for three years. We have tattoos

of each other's names.”

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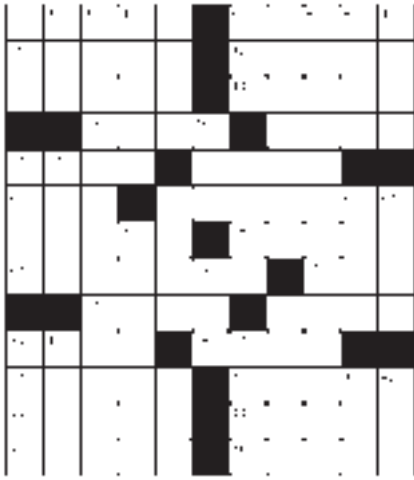






**Could Brad Pitt be headlining Quentin Tarantino's next film?**  
According to *DeadlineHollywoodDaily.com*, the director, 45, is in talks with Pitt, 44, to star in his next film, the World War II action tale *Inglorious Bastards*. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Take Five



### Crossword across

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Eastern monks          | 33 Repast           |
| 6 List divider           | 34 Hook's helper    |
| 11 Tea party guest       | 36 Harvest          |
| 12 Poppy yield           | 38 Bakery buys      |
| 13 Fake gems             | 40 Fight site       |
| 14 Marshal's group       | 43 Loosen, in a way |
| 15 Some bills            | 44 Tempress         |
| 17 British gun           | 45 Plague           |
| 18 Told tales            | 46 Scrumptious      |
| 20 Different             |                     |
| 22 Cabinet dept.         |                     |
| 23 Scrubbed              |                     |
| 26 Like the Vikings      |                     |
| 28 Sufficient            |                     |
| 29 Overwhelmed           |                     |
| 31 Building part         |                     |
| 32 Test software version |                     |

### This day in history

- JULY 11, 1750: Halifax, N.S., is almost completely destroyed by fire.
- JULY 11, 1859: A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens is published.
- JULY 11, 1914: Babe Ruth debuts in Major League Baseball.
- JULY 11, 1944: Franklin D. Roosevelt says he will run for a fourth term as president of the United States.
- JULY 11, 1960: To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee is first published.
- JULY 11, 2006: In Mumbai, India 209 people are killed in a series of bomb attacks.



Yesterday's Answer  
The one Mark's a dog!

### Crossword down

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| 1 Pet perch           | 30 Attention     |
| 2 As done by          | 33 Arnold's wife |
| 3 Henry Fonda film    | 34 Ticket half   |
| 4 Took a part         | 35 Lion feature  |
| 5 Spotted             | 37 Sunrise spot  |
| 6 Beat walker         | 39 Clique        |
| 7 American marsupial  | 41 Court divider |
| 8 Wally Cox series    | 42 Some amount   |
| 9 Inspiration         |                  |
| 10 Prayer ender       |                  |
| 16 Short time         |                  |
| 18 Touch down         |                  |
| 19 Frankenstein aide  |                  |
| 21 Stow cargo         |                  |
| 23 Faxed              |                  |
| 24 First name in jazz |                  |
| 25 Valley             |                  |
| 27 Honey              |                  |

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### Horoscopes

#### AVATAR VENUS

#### ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

A guilty man will admit to his transgression. Showing disrespect will be catastrophic. An unusual experiment is taking place.

#### TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

A friend will find it difficult to contact you. Be lenient with those who lack defenders. Don't get mad when you explain the rules.

#### GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

You are someone's good luck charm. Don't lose your temper at noon. A woman will complain about her weight gain.

#### CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

A comment is misunderstood by a fool. Prepare for dramatic moments. You'll change your mind about a tight money situation.

#### LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

You're even more attractive than usual. A woman is upset over details. A generous friend offers nurturing.

#### VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

History repeats itself. Your personality might provoke a quarrel at home. Nasty moments can be avoided by not reacting.

#### LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

Avoid decision-making in the morning. Let someone else make corrections. Problems with a vegetarian lead to turmoil.

#### SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

An answer comes in a dream. A meeting with a soul mate is possible. Laughter ends the day on a high note.

#### SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Bad news about the future can be ignored. Make changes in a faltering relationship. A friend will be super moody.

#### CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

Keep your temper in check if you're hypersensitive. Don't waste your wit on sarcastic people. A staff romance hits the skids.

#### AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Wear down your opposition with a smile. Things start working out for the best. Emotional depths are being plumbed.

#### PISCES

FEB 19-MAR 20

Someone's problems will interfere with a departure. Don't tease a friend about their living conditions. Start exercising your brain more.

### Sudoku

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

1	5	8	3	2	9	6	4	7
4	6	3	7	5	1	2	9	8
7	9	2	8	6	4	3	1	5
2	4	9	1	7	6	5	8	3
8	7	1	5	9	3	4	2	6
6	3	5	2	4	8	1	7	9
5	2	6	4	8	7	9	3	1
3	8	4	9	1	5	7	6	2
9	1	7	6	3	2	8	5	4

#### SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

Under 13 ..... Genius  
13-17 ..... Scholar  
17-21 ..... Smart

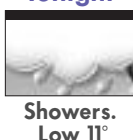
21-25 ..... Not bad  
25+ ..... Keep practising

## Edmonton weather

### Afternoon



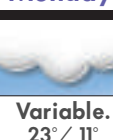
### Tonight



### Saturday



### Sunday



Temperature  
Normals  
High: 23.3°  
Low: 11.2°

Records  
High: 34.4°/2002  
Low: 2.2°/1887

Sunrise: 5:19 a.m.  
Sunset: 9:59 p.m.  
Moonset: 12:30 a.m.  
Moonrise: 4:31 p.m.

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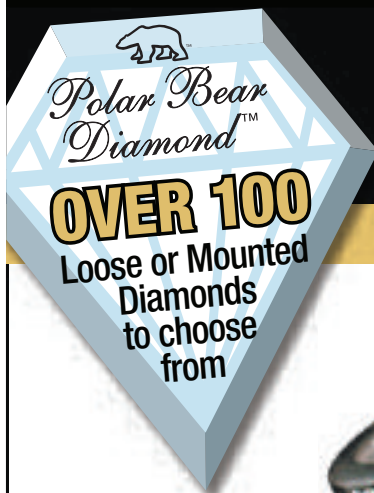


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PI-1983 .70ct RND Brilliant 14kt W&Y/G .....	\$7,125.....	<b>\$3,699</b>
PI-2274 1.47cttw .70ct SI-2/G RND Center 14kt W/G.....	\$7,825.....	<b>\$3,900</b>
PI-2317 1.01ct Cut Corner PRN 14kt W/G.....	\$7,100.....	<b>\$3,900</b>
PI-2322A 1.13cttw .73ct SI-2/F RND Ideal Center 14kt W/G.....	\$8,600.....	<b>\$4,699</b>
PI-2213 1.60cttw .84ct VS-1/G-H RND Center 14kt W/G .....	\$ 10,650.....	<b>\$5,900</b>
PI-2243 2.14cttw 1.81 SI-2/F Triangular Brilliant Cut 14kt W/G..	\$23,300..	<b>\$12,900</b>
PI-2207 2.74cttw 2.04ct VS1/H RND Ideal Center 14kt W/G.....	\$56,800..	<b>\$29,000</b>



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VALUE** **MANUFACTURER'S  
SALE PRICE**

PI-CS .46cttw I-1/F RND Ideal 14kt W/G.....	\$2225.....	<b>\$599</b>
PI-1819 .91ct SI-2/F Radiant Cut Pendant set in 14kt W/G with Chain.....	\$9300.....	<b>\$5,900</b>
PI-CS 1.58cttw SI-1/F RND Ideal 14kt.W/G .....	\$16,775.....	<b>\$8,900</b>
PI-SP 2.39cttw SI 1-2/E-F Triangular Brilliant Cut 14kt W/G.....	\$24,700..	<b>\$13,900</b>
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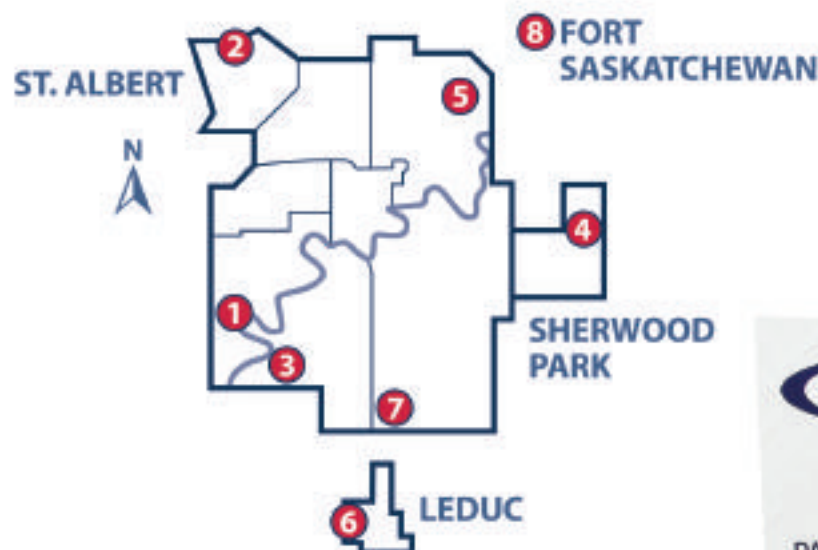




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